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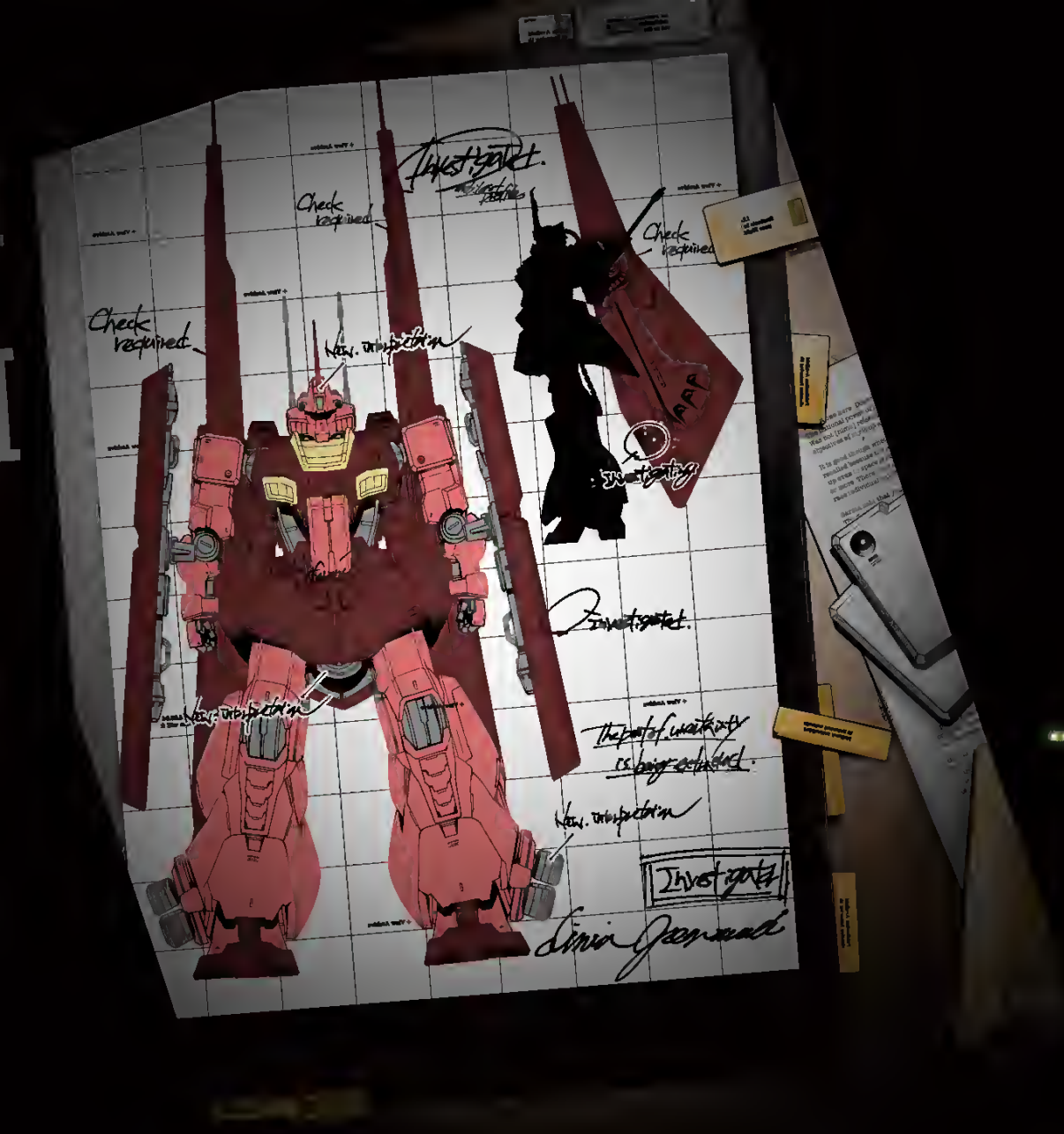

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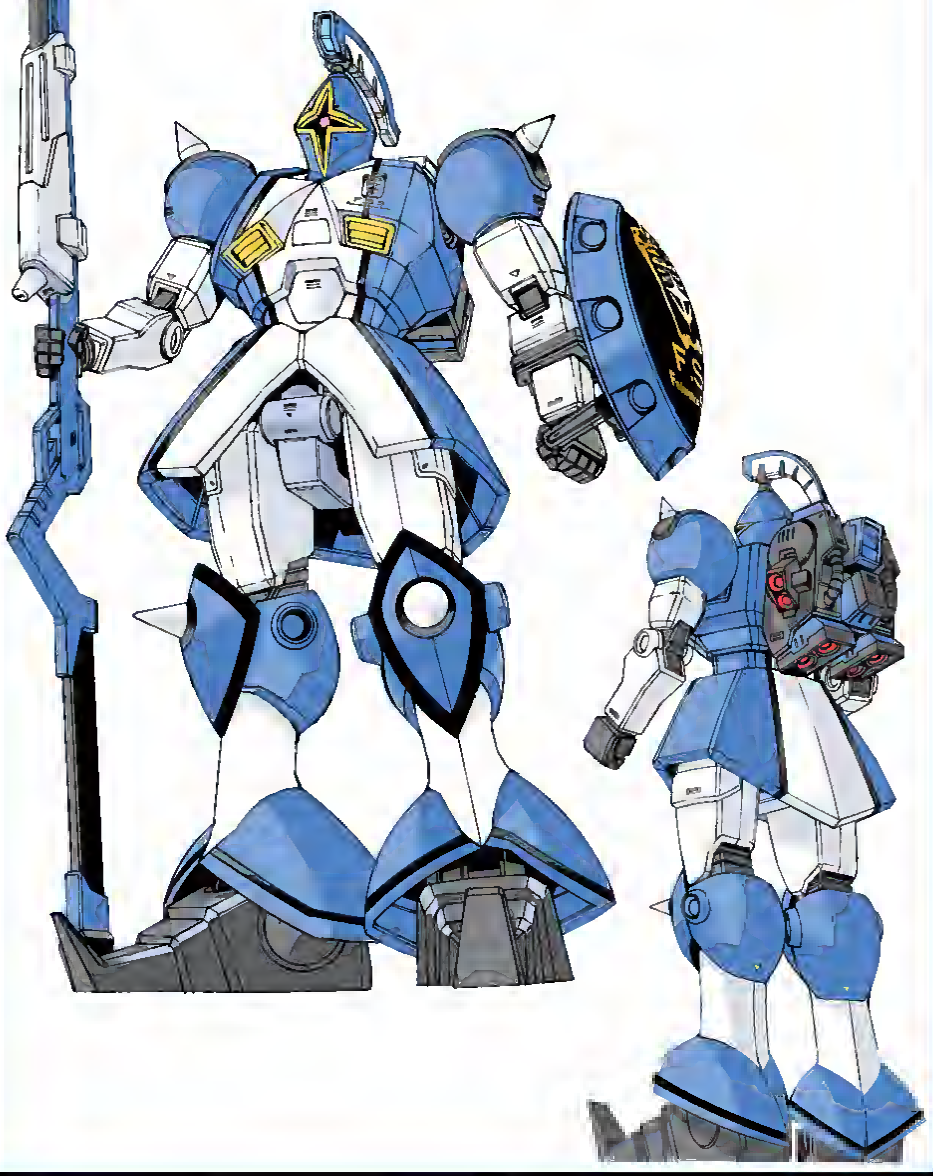

FSS

Federation Survey Service

What's FSS?

THE ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE FSS (FEDERATION SURVEY SERVICE) HAS ITS BEGINNINGS AROUND THE TIME THE EARTH FEDERATION WAS BORN.

DURING THE ONE YEAR WAR, EACH FEDERATION BASE BEGAN EXAMINING ZEON WEAPONS ABANDONED IN CAPTURED LAND.

AT THE TIME, THIS WAS DONE INDIVIDUALLY BY EVERY MILITARY DISTRICT.AT ITS WORST, REPORTS TO SUPERIORS WERE CARELESS, BUT AFTER THE END OF THE WAR IN U.C. 0080, WITH THE INTENTION OF ACQUIRING SUPERIOR ZEON TECHNOLOGY, THE FEDERATION ESTABLISHED THE "WEAPONS STUDY COMMITTEE". ITS PURPOSE WAS TO SURVEY OLD ZEON WEAPONS SYSTEMS.

U.C. 0089 WAS THE BIRTH OF THE FOLLOWING FSS.

USING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSED BY THE REPUBLIC AND EARTH FEDERATION AFTER THE MSV SURVEYS, THEY INITIATED FURTHER SURVEYS.

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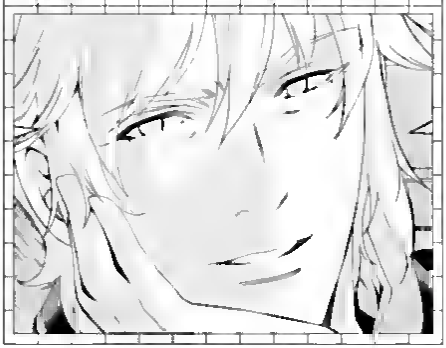
ジョニー・ライデンの帰還

CHARACTER

リミア・グリンウッド
Rimia Greenwood

AN MS ENGINEER FROM SIDE 3 (THE REPUBLIC OF ZEON). IS INVESTIGATING THE MYSTERY OF "JOHNNY RIDDEN" WITH LEO. SHE WAS ON-BOARD THE SANGRE AZUL WHEN IT LAUNCHED INTO SPACE

レッド・ウェイライン
Led Wayline



A MEMBER OF THE FSS SURVEY TEAM AND A CAPABLE MS PILOT. HE IS SUSPECTED OF BEING THE ONE YEAR WAR ACE JOHNNY RIDDEN

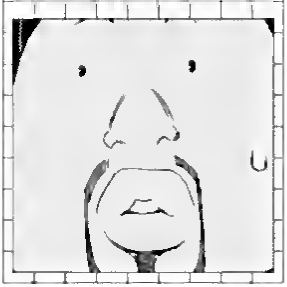
ジル・ブロッケン・フーバー
Jill Brocken Hoover

THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE FSS. ORIGINALLY A SOLDIER AND MS PILOT DURING THE ONE YEAR WAR. IS IN COMMAND OF THE SEARCH FOR THE SANGRE AZUL ABOARD THE ARGAMA-CLASS NIKAYA.

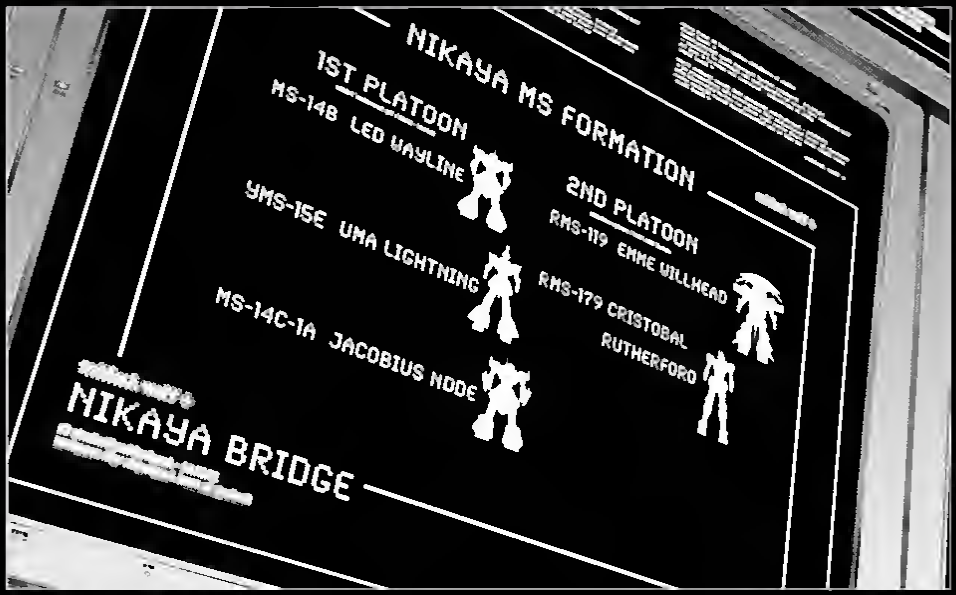
アイシュワリヤ
Aishwarya

AN FSS PROGRAMMER AND SUPERB HACKER. HAS BLACK HAIR AND WEARS GLASSES. SHE HACKED AND CHANGED THE TRAJECTORY OF THE SANGRE AZUL AFTER RIMIA STOWED AWAY ON IT.

アシュレイ・ブラウン・ブランドン
Ashley Brown Brandon



A BACKUP MEMBER OF THE SURVEY TEAM. HAS MILITARY EXPERIENCE AND WAS IN COLLEGE DURING THE ONE YEAR WAR. NICKNAMED "BOB" BY RIMIA THE FIRST TIME THEY MET.



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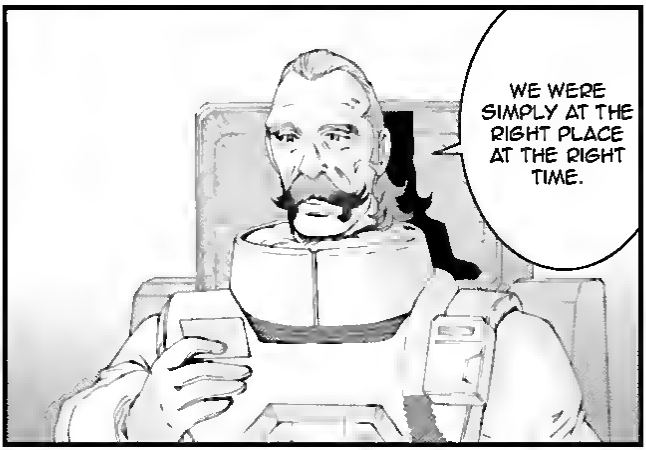
ADD ME IN!

TO BE QUITE HONEST, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FEEL.

IF IT WAS THIS EASY TO RETURN TO SPACE,
THEN WHAT WERE THE PAST 10 YEARS FOR?

THE RIGHT PLACE...WHERE THERE ARE RESOURCES, LEVERAGE, AND MONEY.


WE WERE SIMPLY AT THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME.

IF ON THE SIDE OF PROSPERITY, YOU CAN DO ANYTHING.
IN OTHER WORDS, IT MATTERS WHAT SIDE YOU ARE PLACED ON.

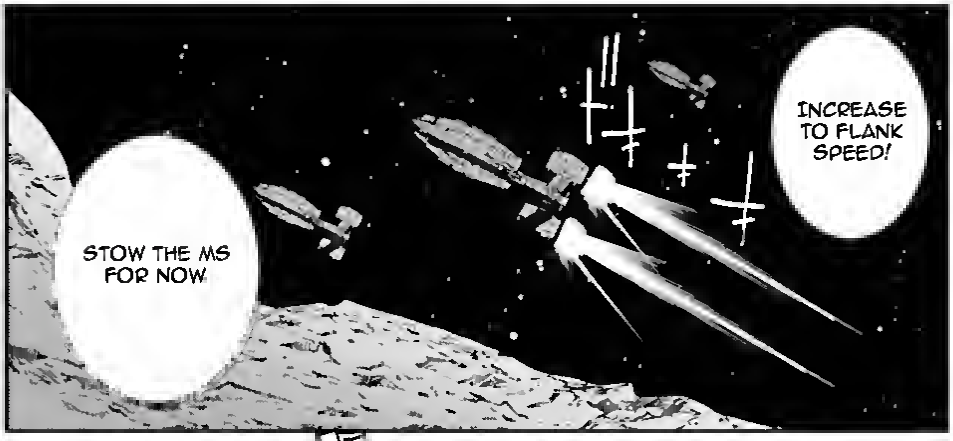
NOTHING WOULD EVER BE EASY.
OTHERWISE,

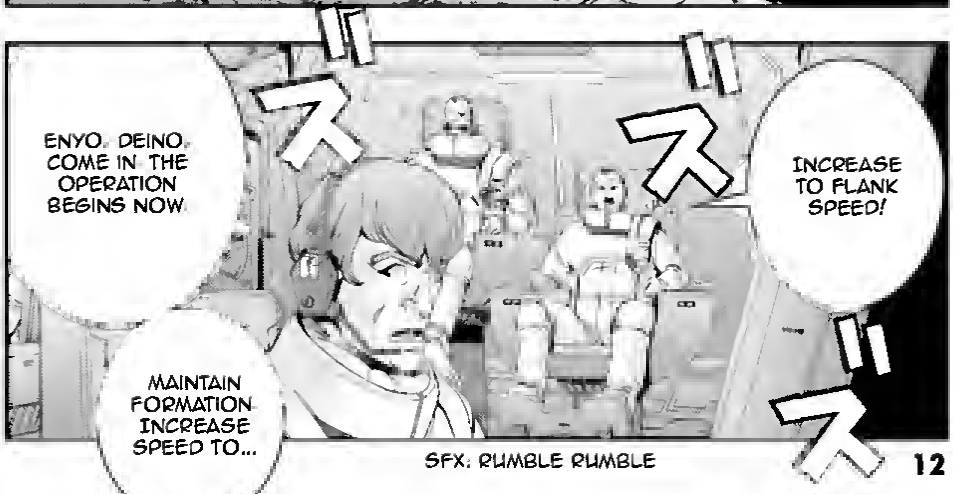
I LOOK BACK ON MYSELF
AND THINK ABOUT HOW I REFUSED TO GO OVER TO THE SIDE OF PROSPERITY.
IT'S A BIT OF A CLICHÉ BUT
YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT, SIR
...

EMOTIONS...
WISDOM... FOLLY...
EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED...
MY PRIDE...
I'D LOOK UPON THE BATTLEFIELD AND FEEL ONLY THE RAGE OF DEFEAT
AFTER THE WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE ENDED
YES...
IT'S NOW VERY ENLIGHTENING.
AND NOW...

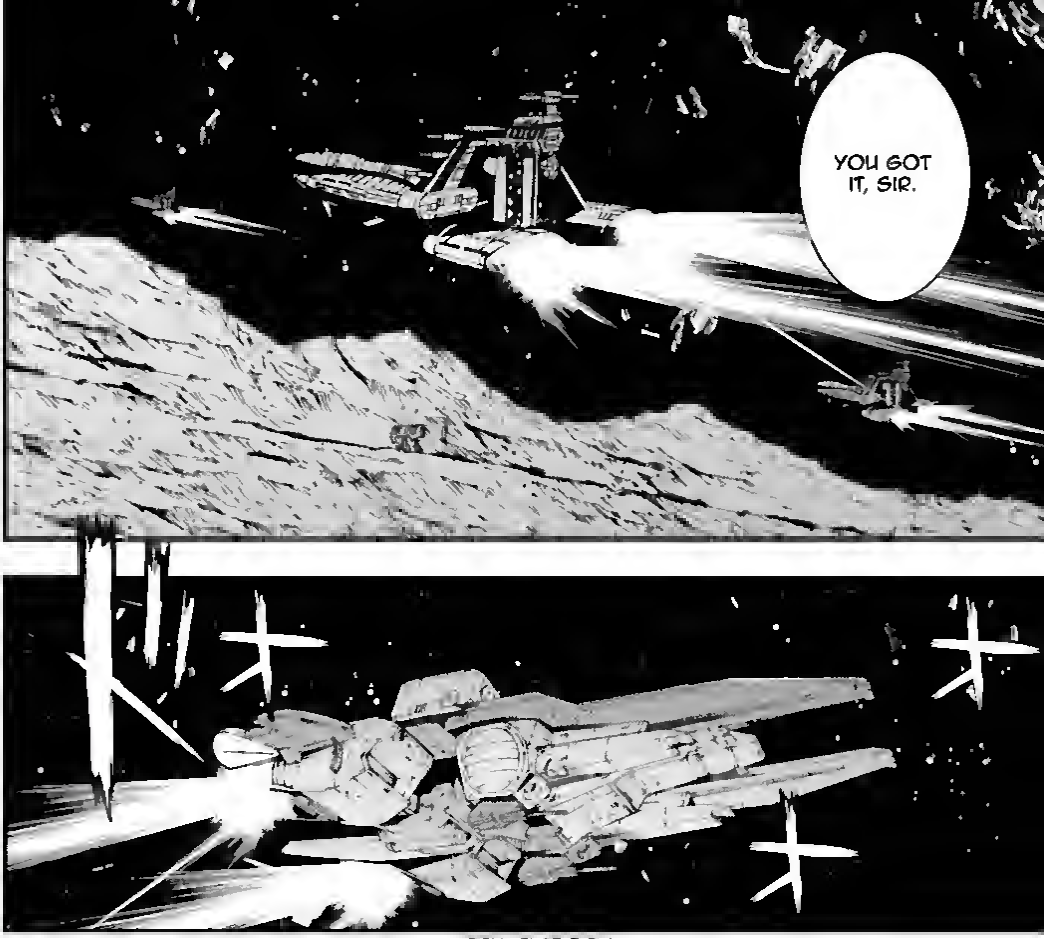
EVEN THOUGH WE ARE THE ONES WHO WROUGHT IT.
OR SHOULD HAVE WE BECOME A PART OF THE FEDERATION, BIDED OUR TIME,
AND WON OVER SPACENOID RIGHTS PEACEFULLY OVER THE COURSE OF A FEW GENERATIONS ...?
BACK THEN, SHOULD WE
REALLY HAVE GRASPED FOR INDEPEN-DENCE?
...
POINTLESS SPECULATION LIKE THIS,
I SOMETIMES INDULGE IN

THE 2ND ROUND OF THE EXERCISES HAS BEGUN! MAKE READY!
MINOVSKY PARTICLE DENSITY INCREASING!
INFORM THE OTHER SHIPS! MAINTAIN FORMATION.


INCREASE TO FLANK SPEED!
STOW THE MS FOR NOW

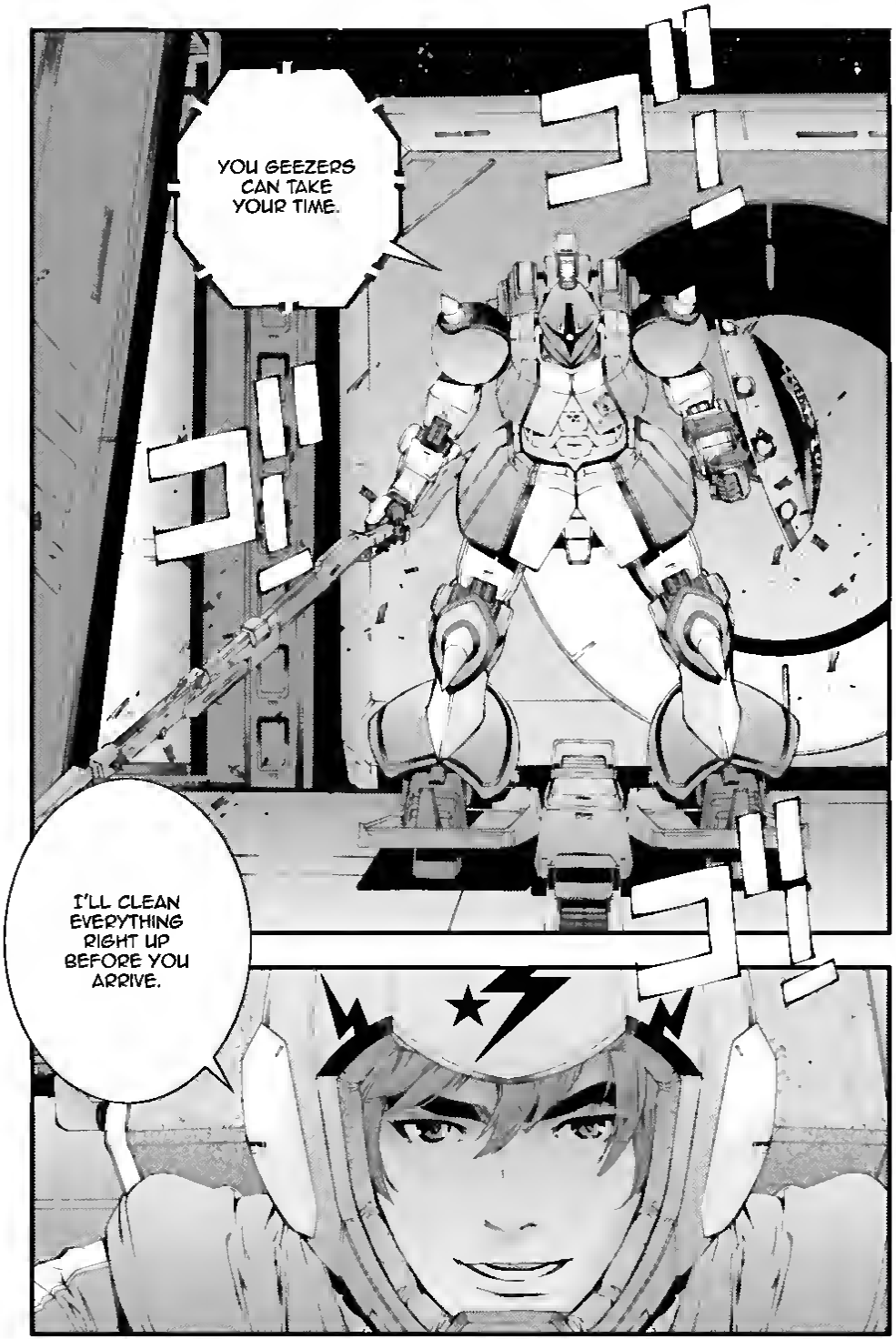

ENYO, DEINO, COME IN. THE OPERATION BEGINS NOW.
INCREASE TO FLANK SPEED!
MAINTAIN FORMATION INCREASE SPEED TO...
SFX: RUMBLE RUMBLE

THEY SAID TO LEAVE SEARCH OF THE AFOREMENTIONED OBJECT TO THEM...
BUT AS WE ARE FREELOADING, WE CAN'T JUST SIT IDLY.
NOW THEN,
FOR THE SAKE OF POLISHING OUR SKILLS, WE'LL HOLD NOTHING BACK IN THIS EXERCISE.
SFX: RUMBLE RUMBLE
SANGRE AZUL
THE OBJECT WE'RE SEARCHING FOR IS THE BLUE ZANZIBAR.
BUT WE *WILL* FIND THE TARGET AND MAKE UP FOR OUR POOR RESULTS IN THE LAST EXERCISE.
OTHERWISE, WE'LL GREATLY DISAPPOINT OUR CUSTOMERS
I DON'T CARE IF THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME IN SPACE IN 10 YEARS,


YOU GOT IT, SIR.

SFX: FWOOSH

I'LL GO FIRST, GRAMPS.
HAVE 'EM HURRY UP.
LAUNCH THE MS SQUAD-RON.

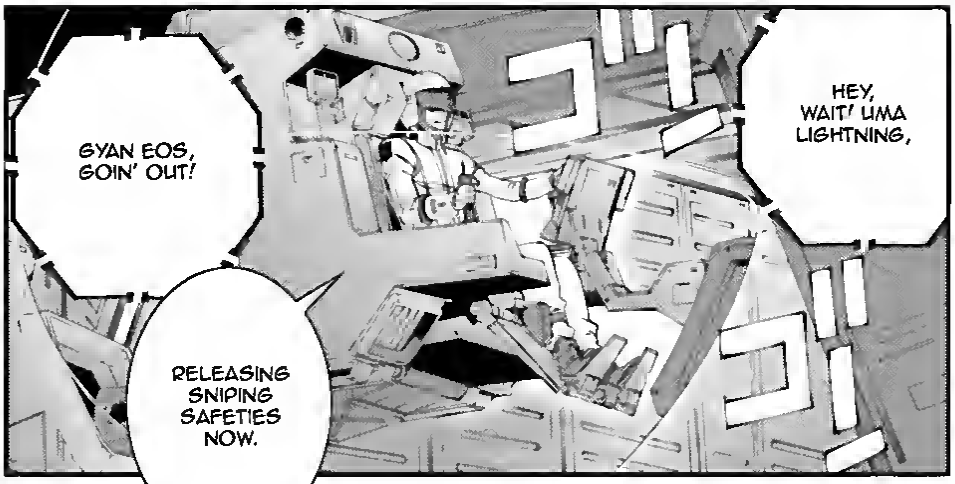

YOU GEEZERS CAN TAKE YOUR TIME.
I'LL CLEAN EVERYTHING RIGHT UP BEFORE YOU ARRIVE.

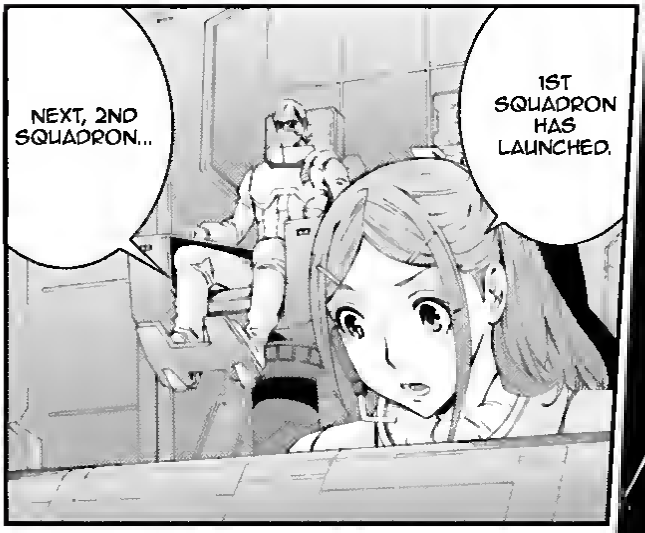
NO MANUAL WILL HELP YOU ONCE YOU LAUNCH.
AND YOU MAKE SURE THAT NEW TOY DOESN'T TRIP YOU UP.
カシュー
OH COME ON, JOHNNY
UMA, FOCUS ON FAMILIARIZING YOURSELF WITH THAT NEW TRINKET.
YOU SAW ME EARLIER, RIGHT?
KEEPING UP WITH YOU WON'T BE ANY PROBLEM.

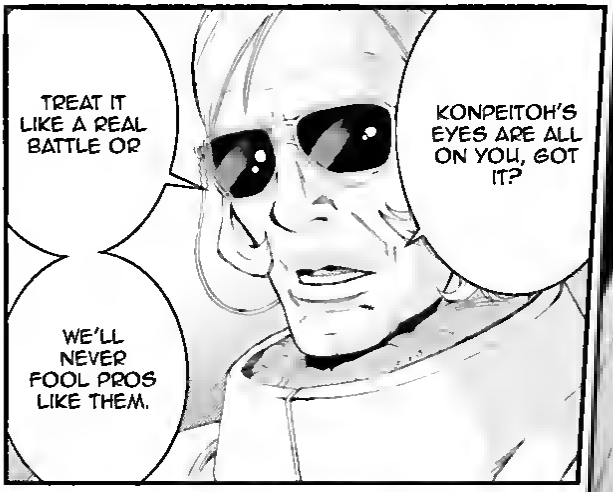
JACOBIUS, WATCH HIM. HE'S TOO EXCITED RIGHT NOW.
AND THAT'S WHY I'M WORRIED.
YEAH.

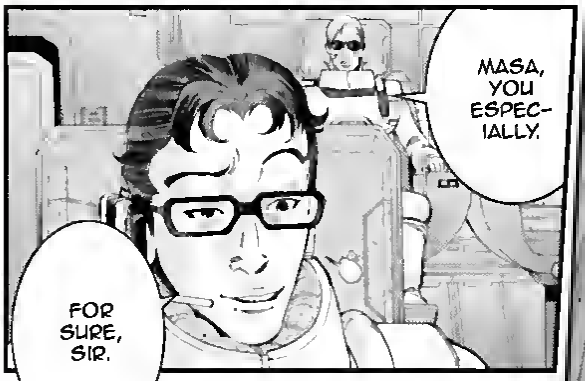
JOHNNY!
LED WAYLINE, GELGOOG, LAUNCHING!

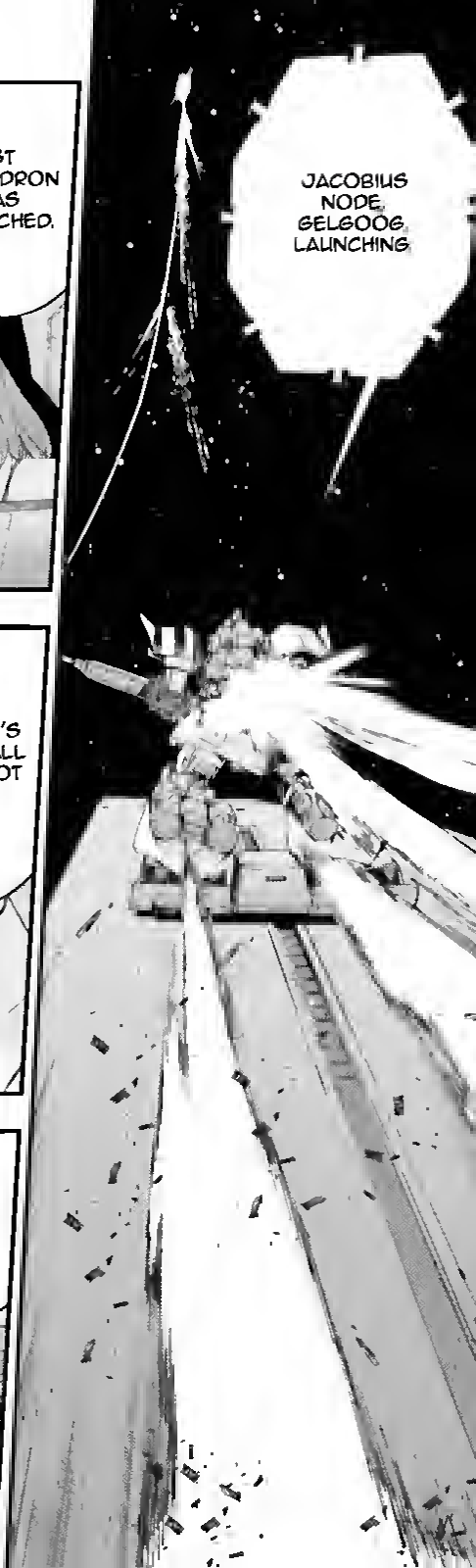
SFX: FWOOOSH


HEY, WAIT! UMA LIGHTNING,
GYAN EOS, GOIN' OUT!
RELEASING SNIPING SAFETIES NOW.


1ST SQUADRON HAS LAUNCHED.
NEXT, 2ND SQUADRON...

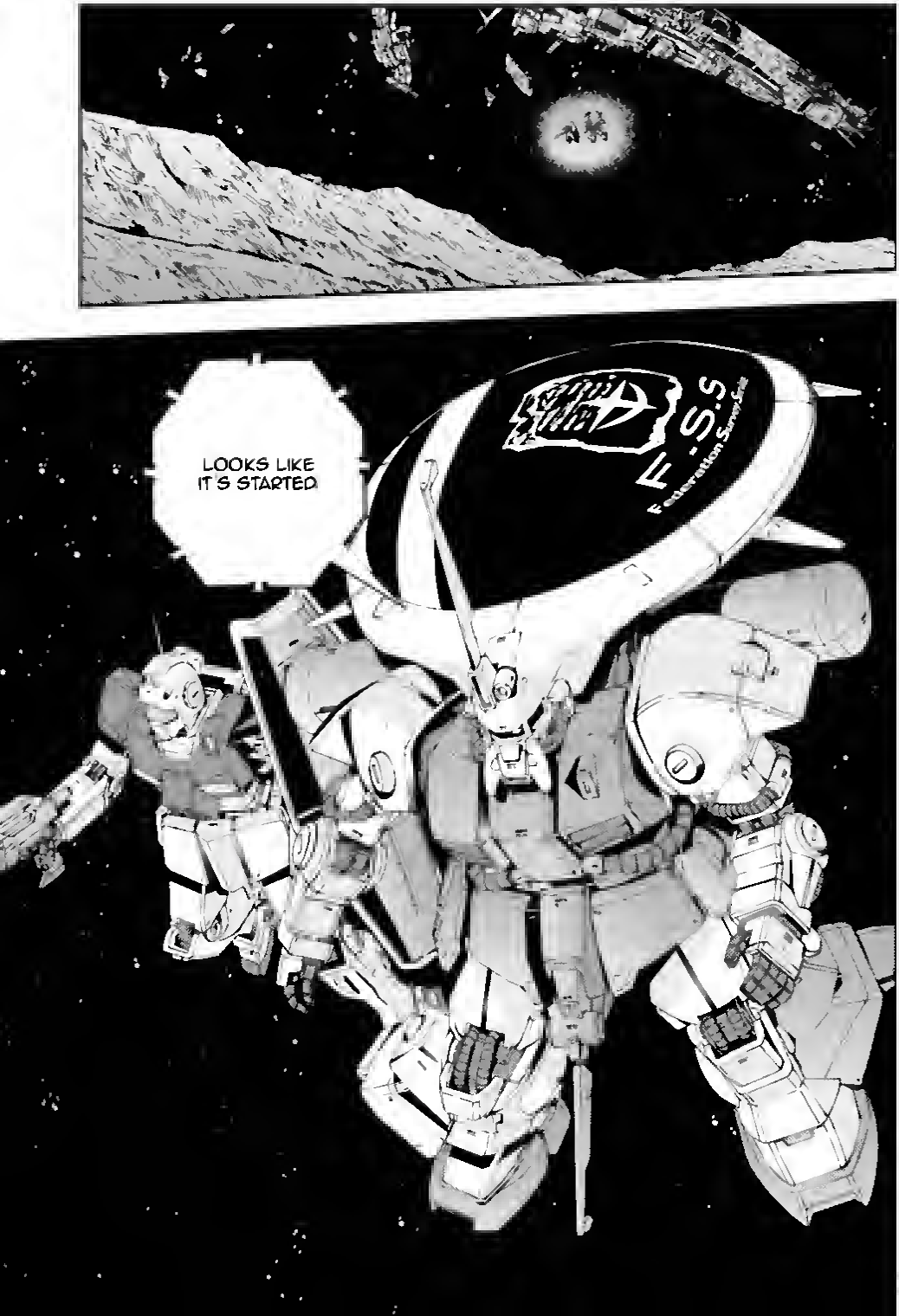

KONPEITOH'S EYES ARE ALL ON YOU, GOT IT?
TREAT IT LIKE A REAL BATTLE OR
WE'LL NEVER FOOL PROS LIKE THEM.


MASA, YOU ESPEC-IALLY.
FOR SURE, SIR.

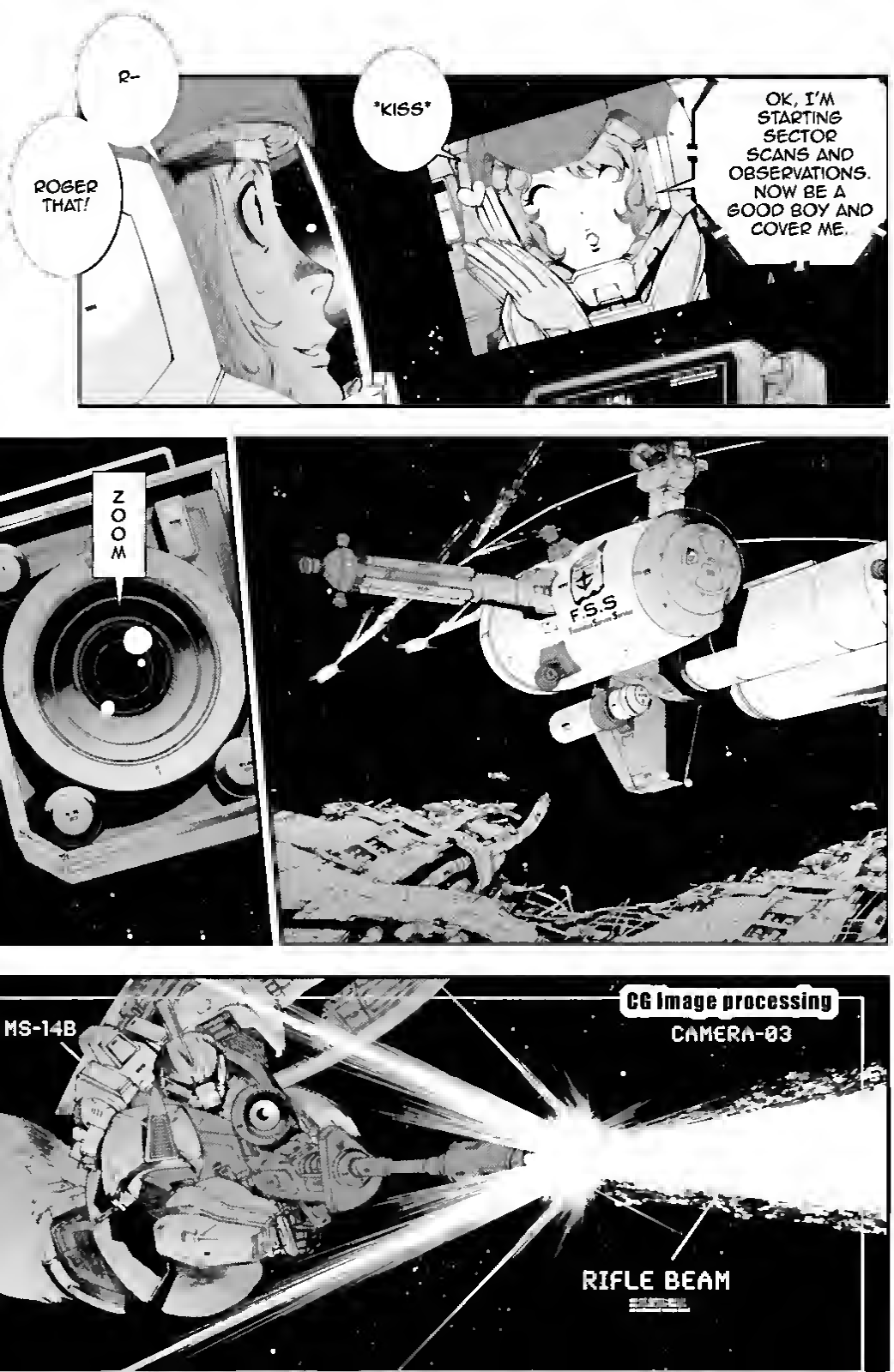

JACOBIUS NODE, GELGOOG, LAUNCHING

I'D SAY THEY'RE TRYING TO SPITE US.
ENTER FROM SO AND PERFORM EXERCISES IN *THAT* SECTOR.
THANKS TO THAT INCIDENT, ALL OF OUR SUPERIORS DISAPPEARED
AND WE ALL GOT SPEEDY PROMOTIONS.
THAT'S NO CAUSE FOR GRUMBLING

I'LL HAVE TO SAY...
THAT MAY BE BUT...
OR THE FEDERATION MILITARY IS NOT THE PLACE FOR YOU.
YOU EITHER ASSIMILATE TO THAT SORT OF THING
ON SCHEDULE, I SEE.
BLIP
BLIP
BLIP
NIKAIDO
HAS ENTERED THE SECOND STAGE OF THE EXERCISES
THE FSS FLEET


LOOKS LIKE
IT'S STARTED
F.S.S.
Federation Survey Fleet

AND HERE'S WHERE WE SEARCH FOR THE SANGRE AZUL WHILE
PRETENDING TO RECORD EXERCISE DATA.
THERE'S THE START SIGNAL.
A WELCOME COINCIDENCE, DON'T YOU THINK? AND YOU CAN GO AFTER THAT GIRL YOU'RE SO WORRIED ABOUT.
NEVER THOUGHT WE'D BE ASSIGNED TO SEARCH DETAIL.
THAT WORKS FOR ME.
YEAH,


R-
ROGER THAT!
KISS
OK, I'M STARTING SECTOR SCANS AND OBSERVATIONS. NOW BE A GOOD BOY AND COVER ME.
ZOOM
F.S.S
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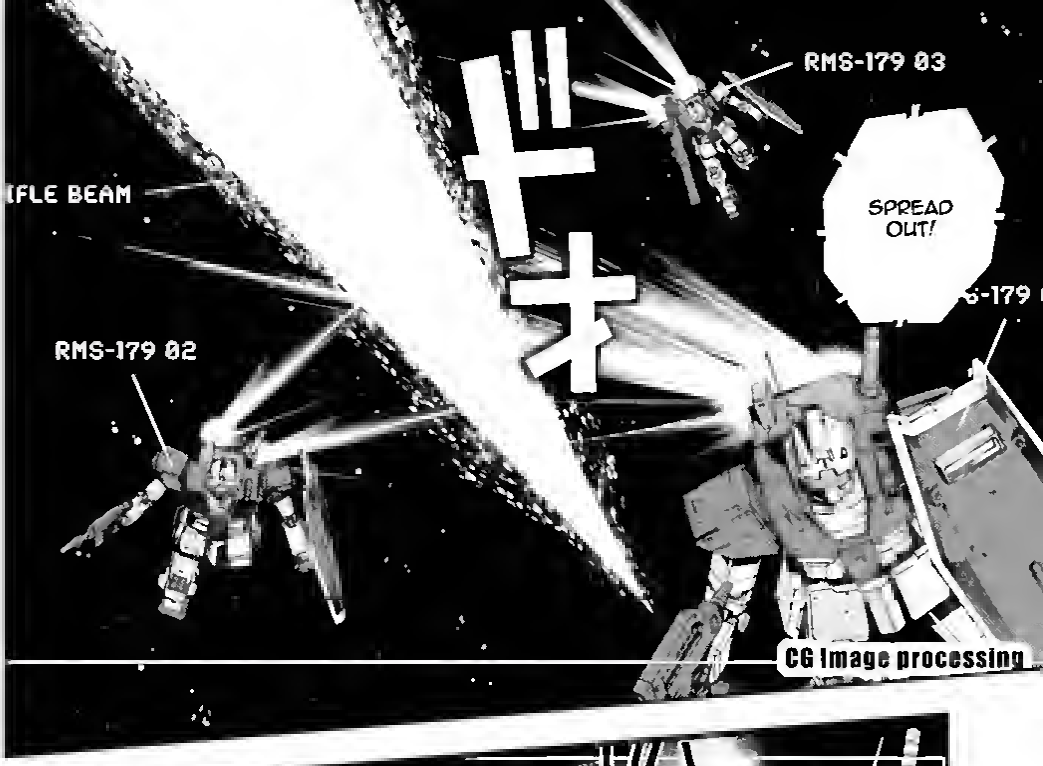
CAMERA-03
RIFLE BEAM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SPREAD OUT!
IFLE BEAM
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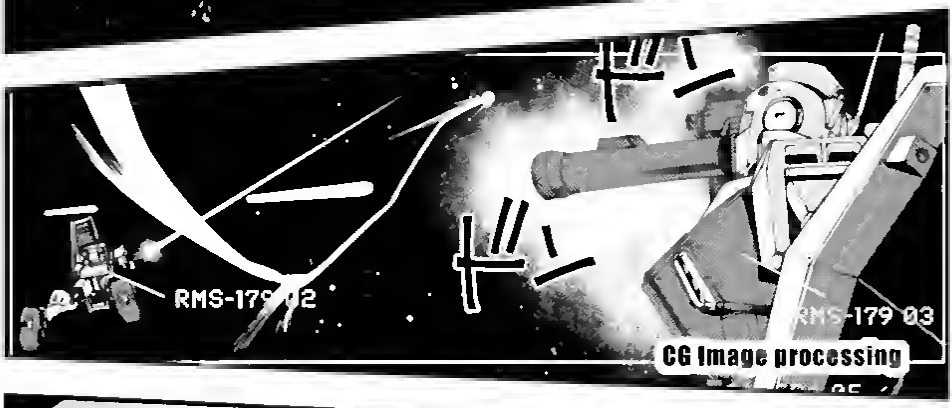
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RMS-179 03
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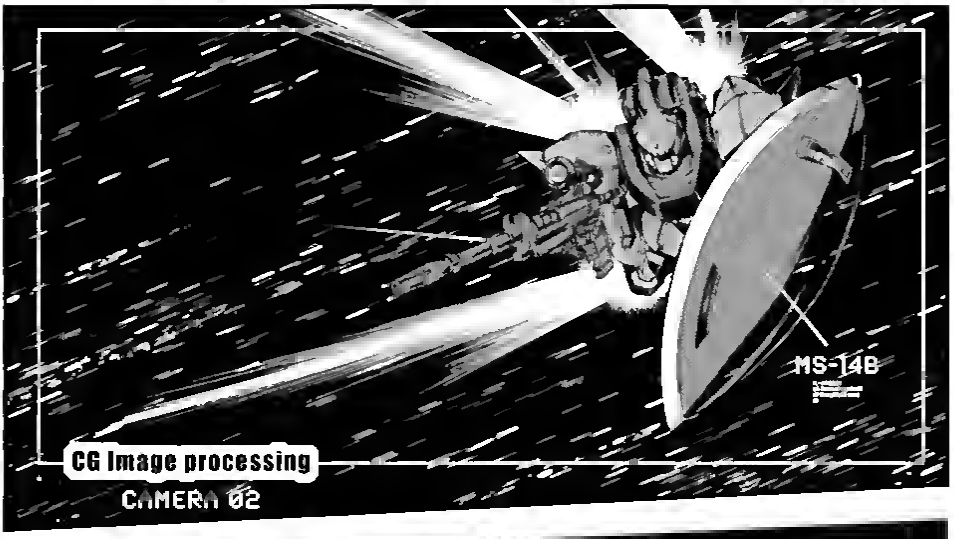
NOT TOO SHABBY..
...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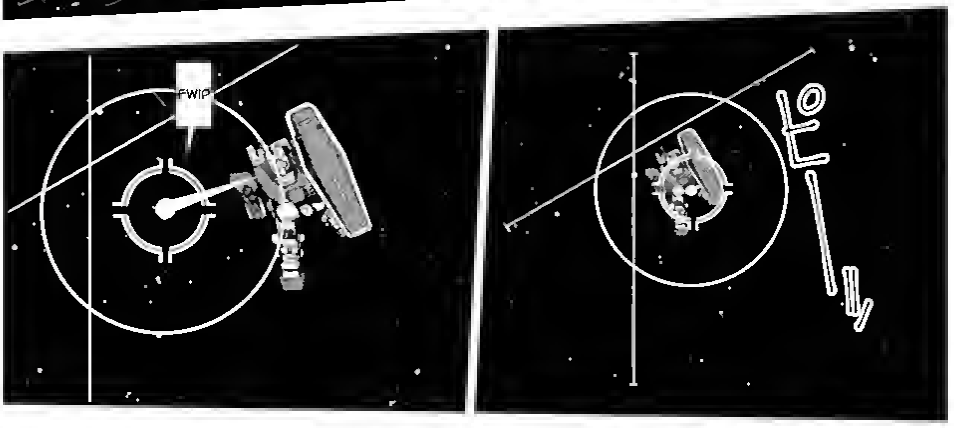
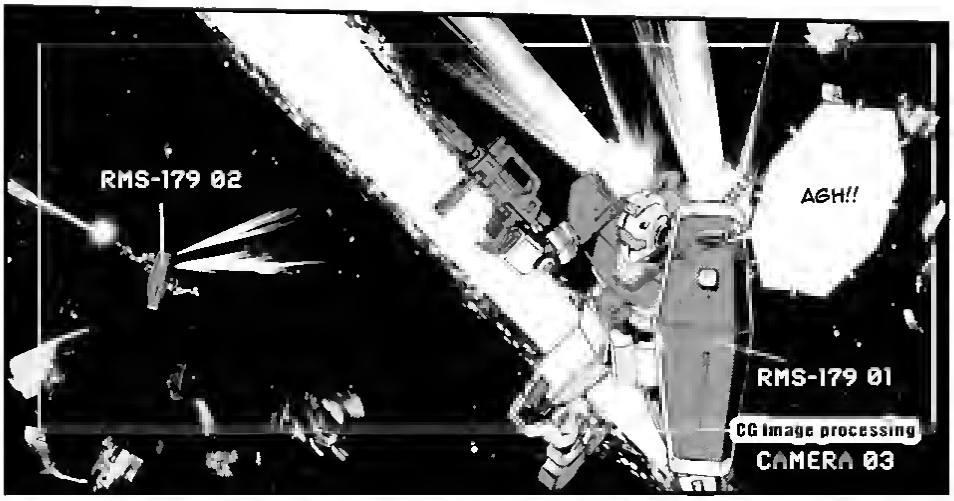
CAMERA 02


FWIP

SFX: BEEP


RMS-179 02
AGH!!
RMS-179 01
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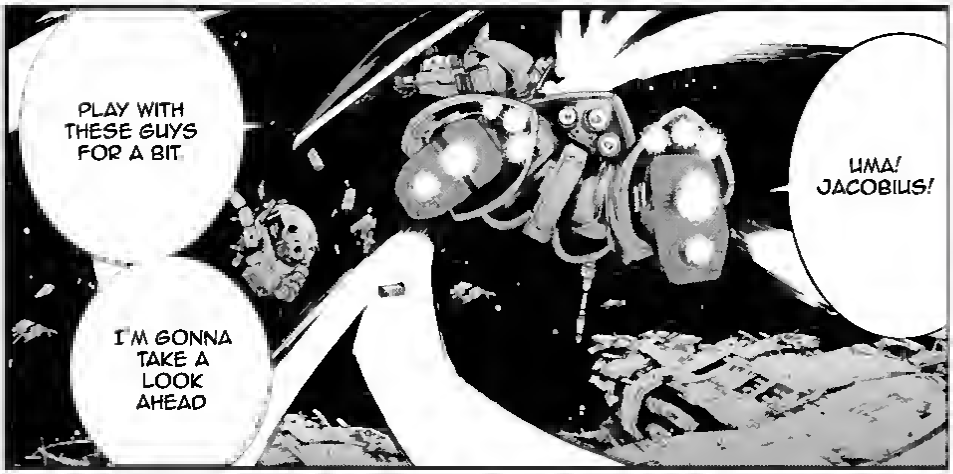
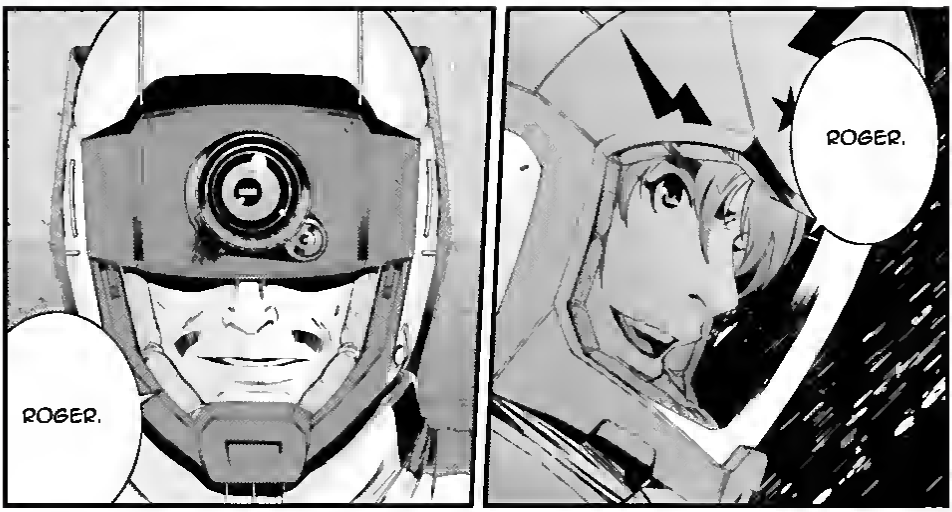
CAMERA 03

THEY'D ALL BE DEAD IF THIS WAS A REAL FIGHT.


PLAY WITH THESE GUYS FOR A BIT.
I'M GONNA TAKE A LOOK AHEAD
UMA! JACOBIUS!


ROGER.
ROGER.

TIME FOR SOME REHAB.

DISTANCE OF 17500, EH...
RMS-179 02
RMS-179 01
RMS-179 03
FIRST THINGS FIRST, THAT SHIELD
CLICK
SFX: FWOO
CG Image processing

BEEEP
!
SHIELD LOST
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CLICK
NEXT, YOUR RIFLE
BEAM GUN
LOST
RMS-179 01
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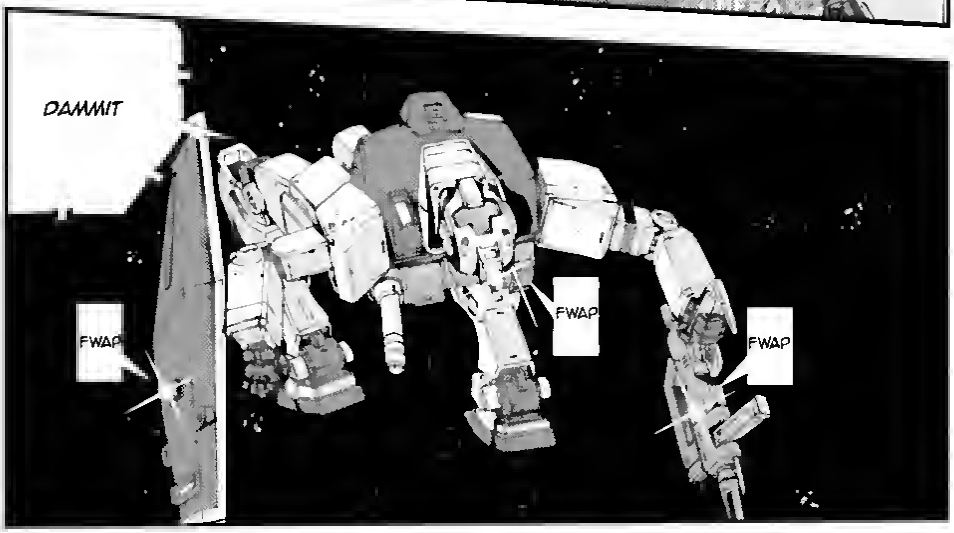
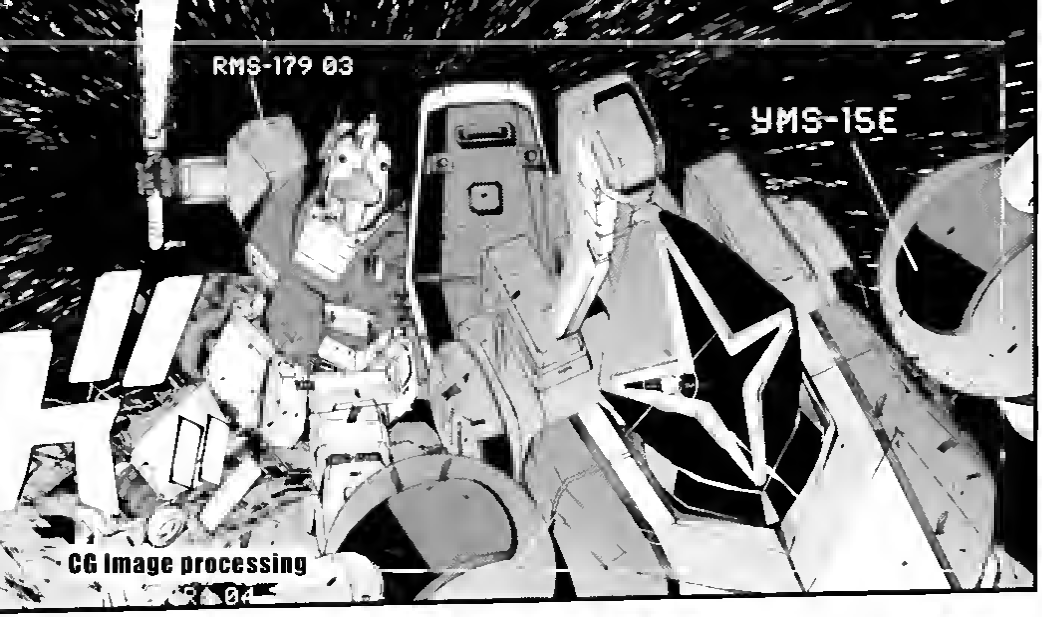
CAMERA



SFX:
BLIP
BLIP

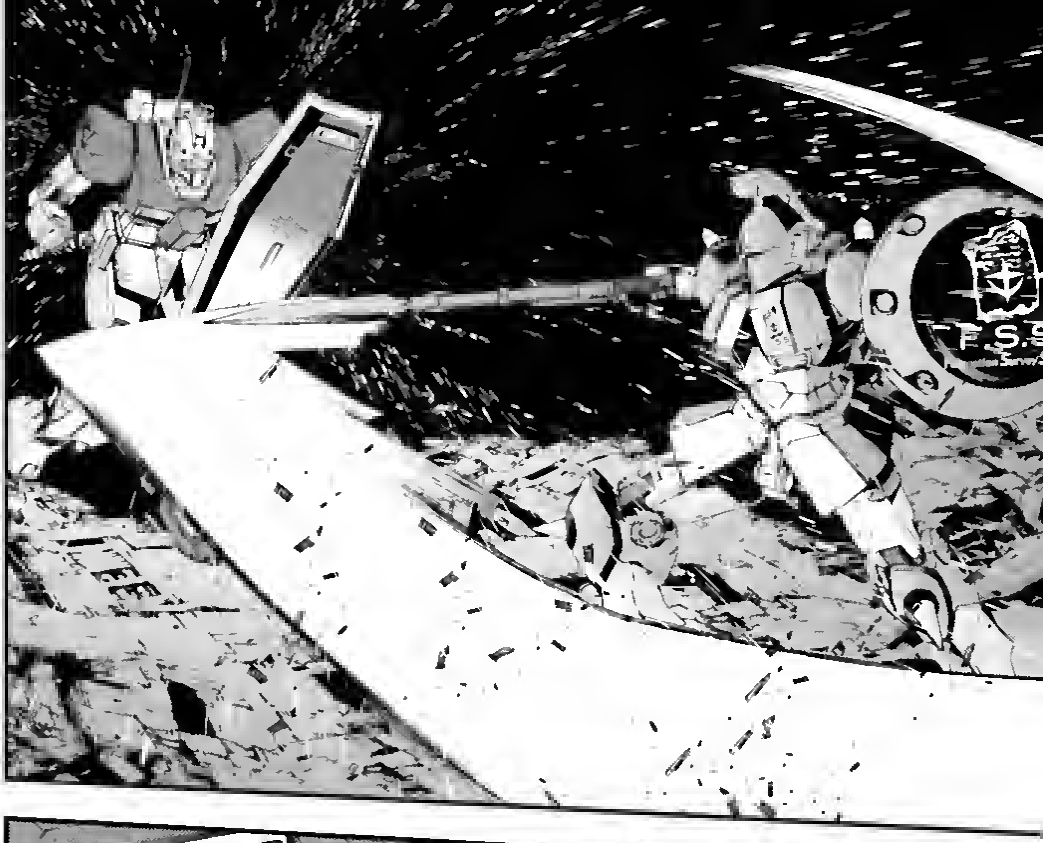
ROGER THAT.
!
SFX: FWOOSH

SFX:
BWAM
BWAM
SFX:
BSHEUW
BSHEUW
BSHEUW
SFX:
THWAM

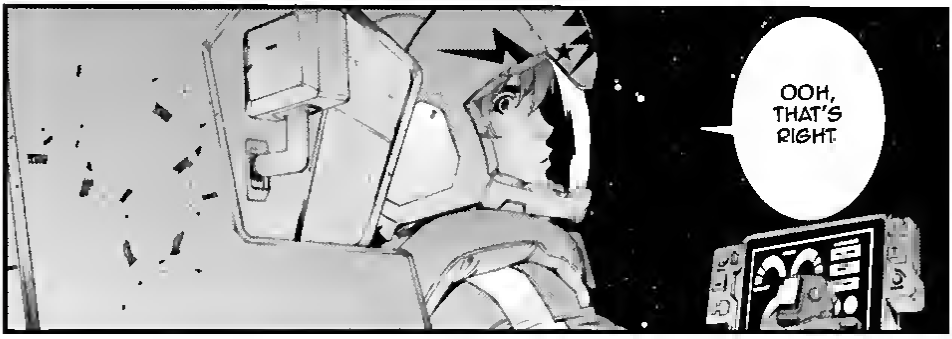


SFX:
THUD

SFX:
WHAM



CLANG

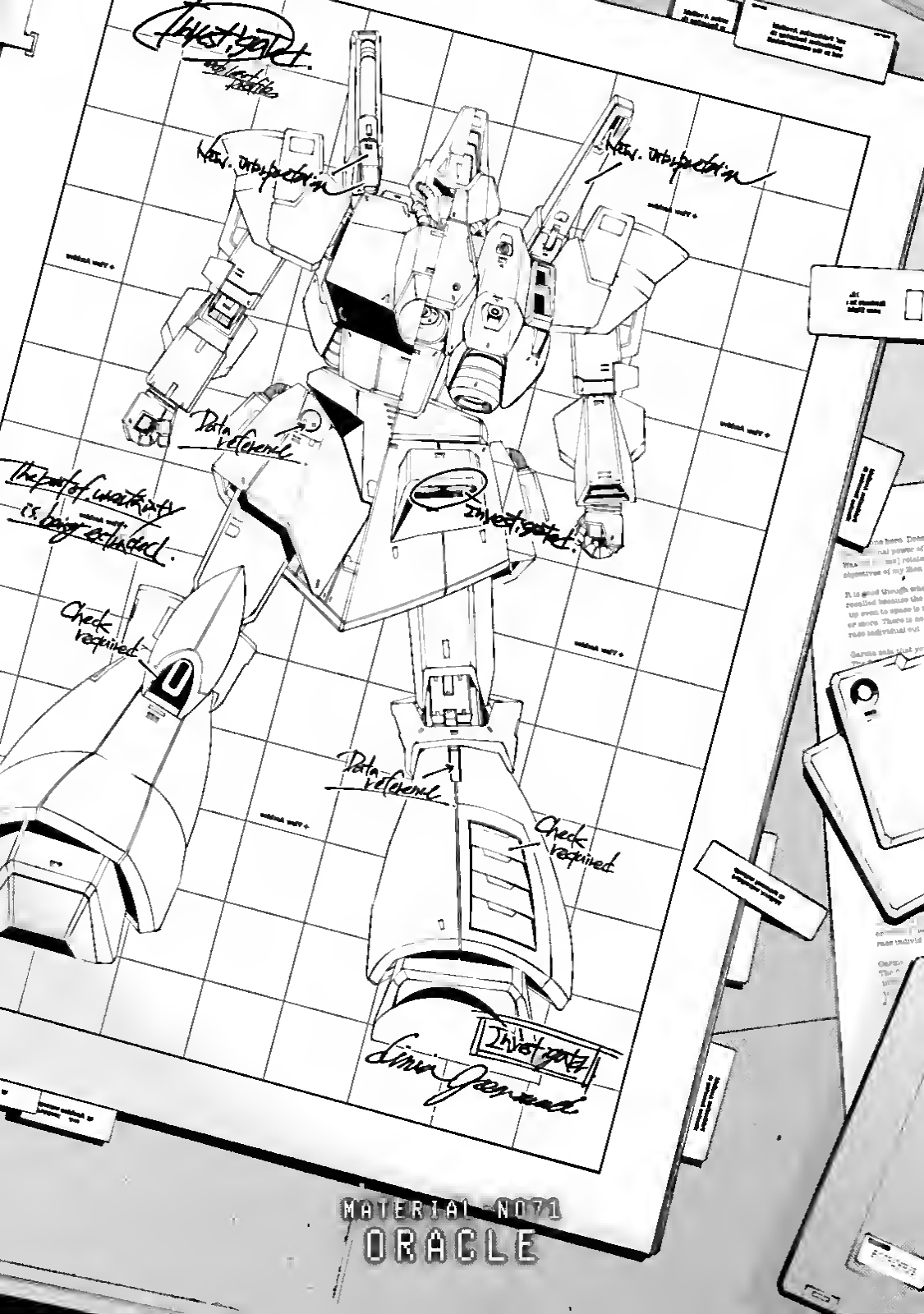

OOH, THAT'S RIGHT.

GOTTA DRAW THIS OUT AS MUCH AS I CAN.
ドオ
UMA

SFX: WHOOSH BSHEUW

SFX: FWOOOOSH
REAL BEAMS!?
LOOKS LIKE A DAMN GOOD TIME!
!

SFX: BSHEUW
CARE TO LET ME JOIN THE PARTY!?



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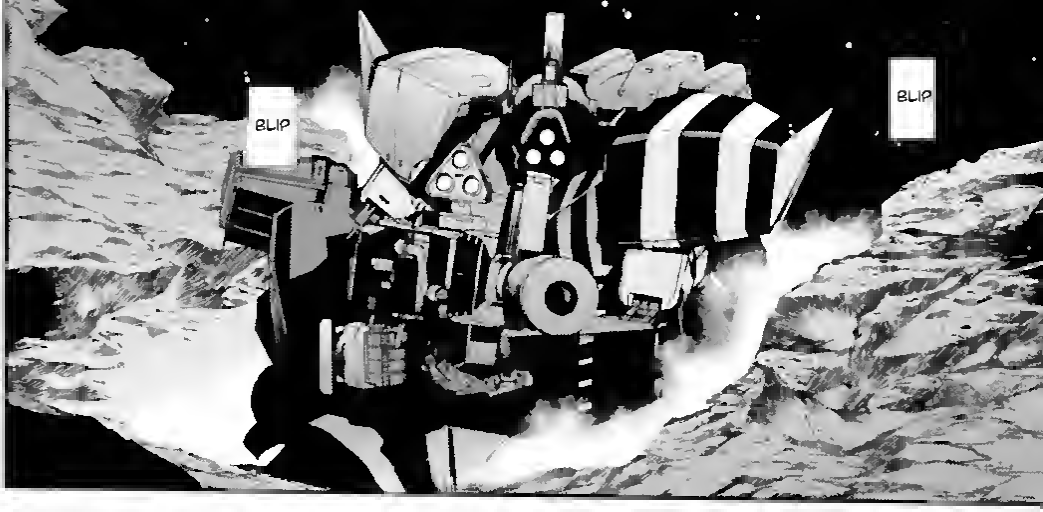
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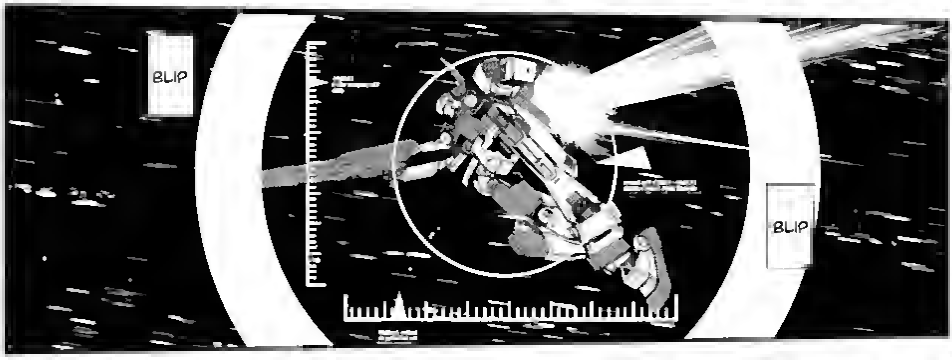
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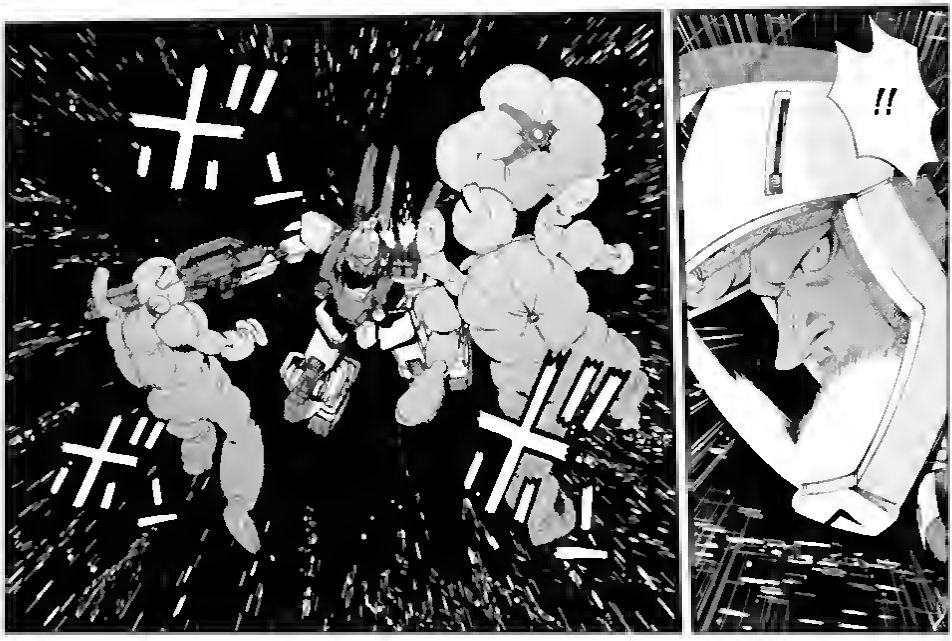
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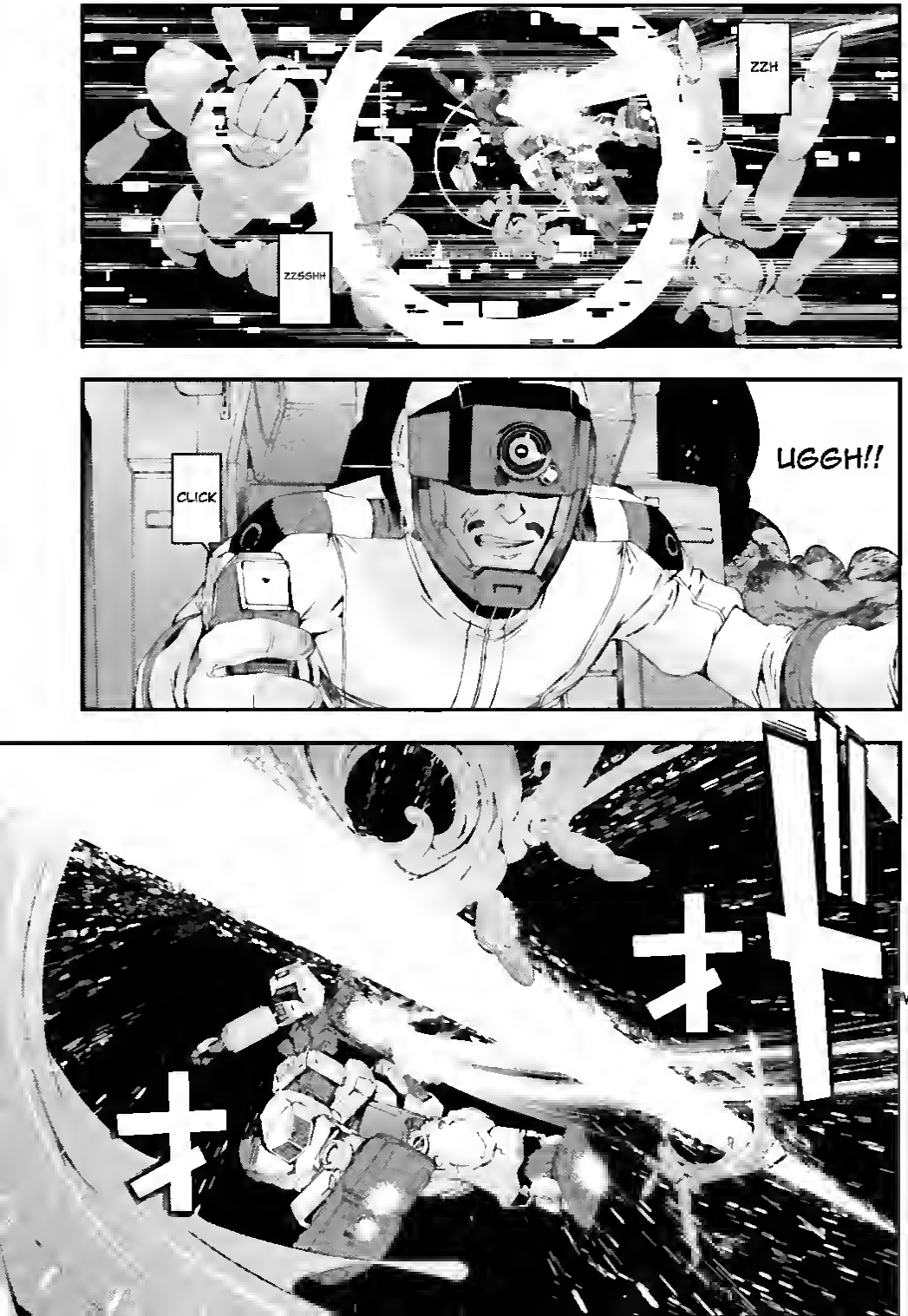
ZZH
ZZSSHH
CLICK
UGGH!!
SFX: WOOSH

SFX: FWOO
SFX: CRACKLE

WHO THE HELL IS THIS!?
I KNOW THAT VOICE.
YOU'RE THAT BOY SCOUT FROM BEFORE!
UNCLE IS VERY HAPPY TO SEE YOU ALIVE!
SFX: FWIP
GGH!!

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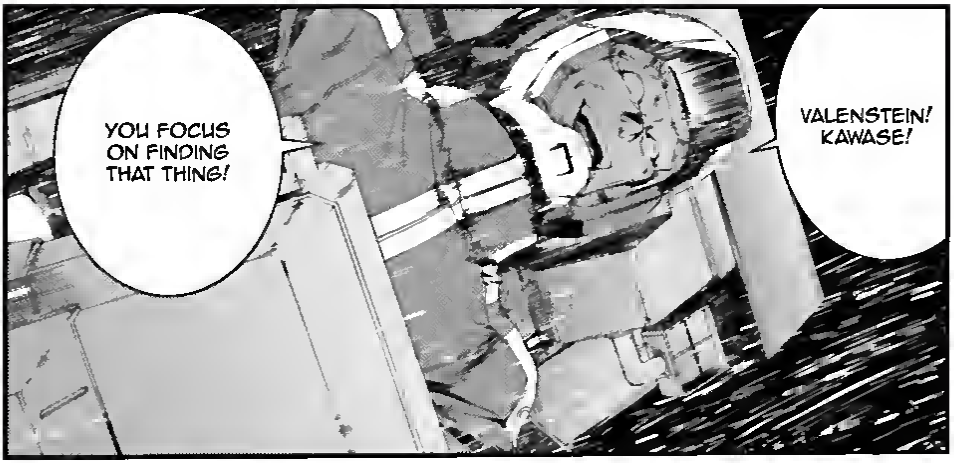
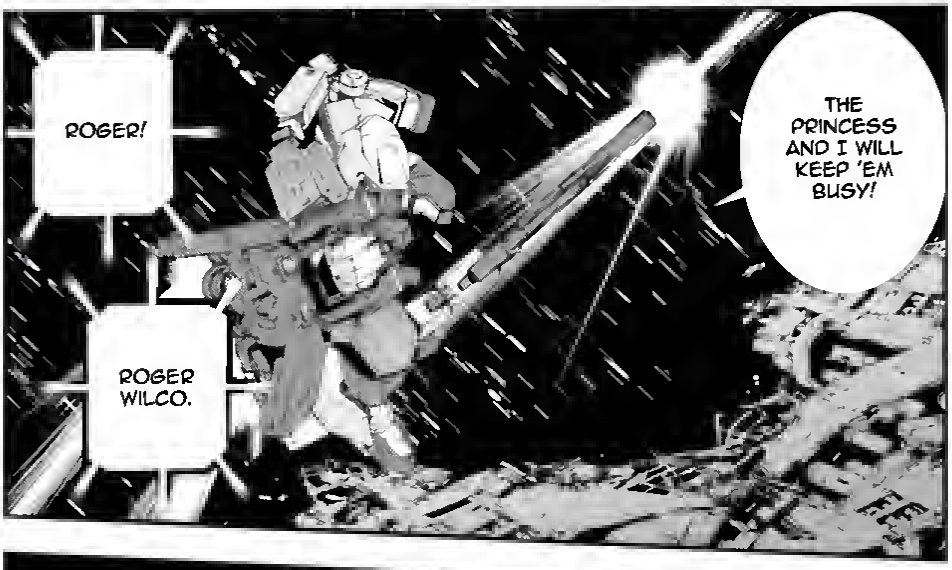
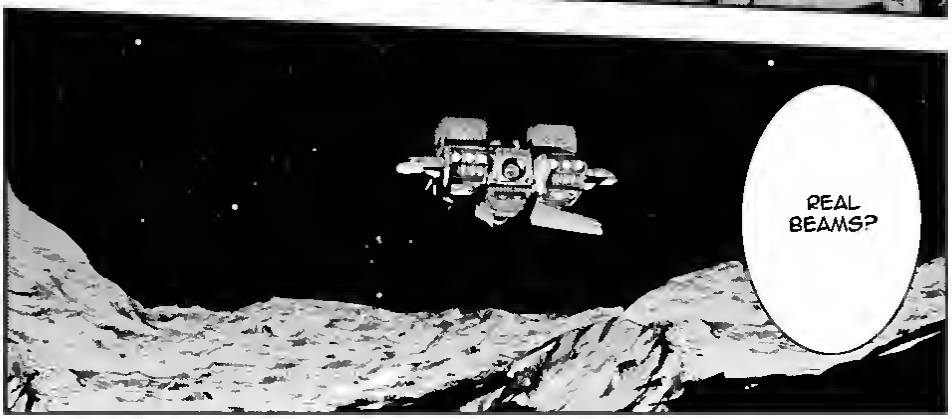

YOU FOCUS ON FINDING THAT THING!
VALENSTEIN! KAWASE!


ROGER!
ROGER WILCO.
THE PRINCESS AND I WILL KEEP 'EM BUSY!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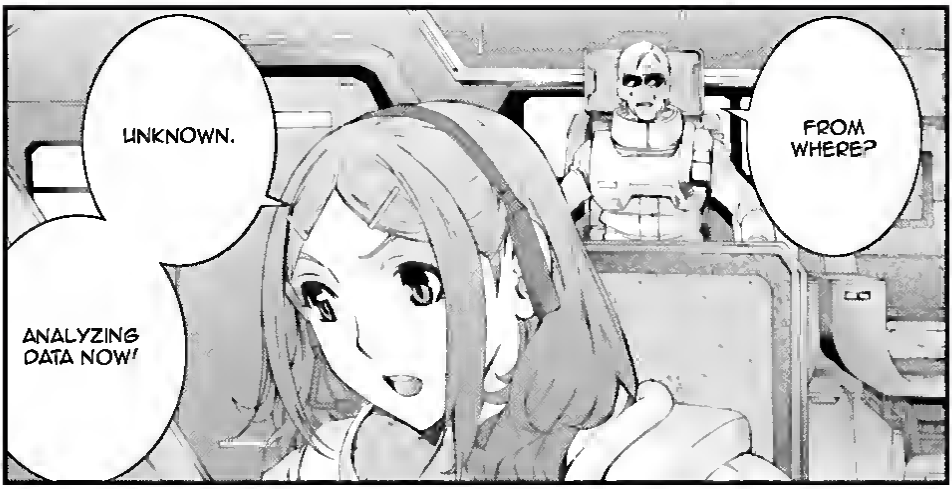
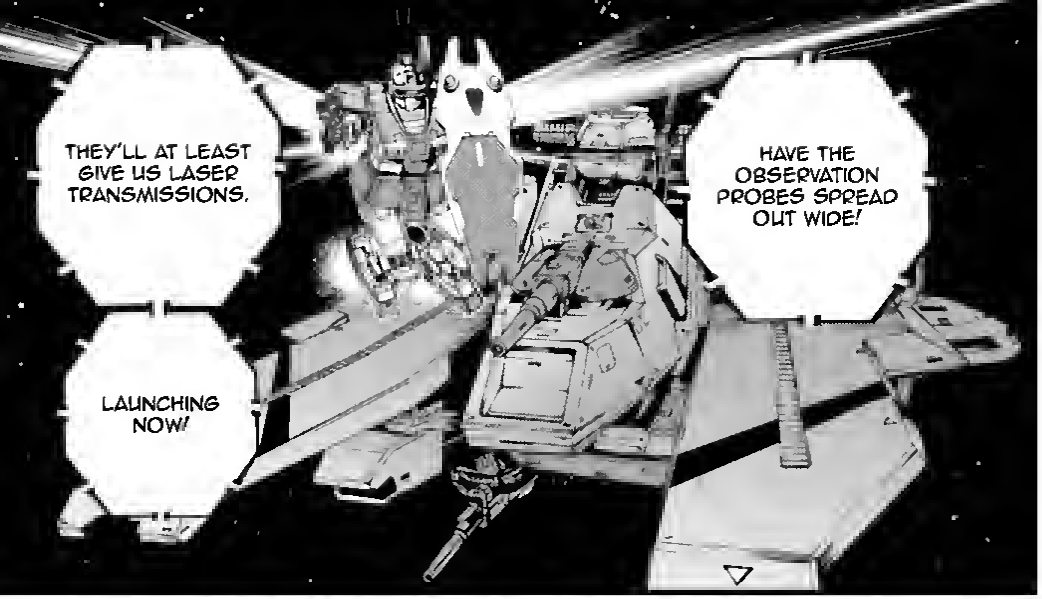

FROM WHERE?
UNKNOWN.
ANALYZING DATA NOW!

WE SPREAD MINOVSKY PARTICLES TO FOOL KONPEITOH AND NOW IT BIT US IN THE ASS...
ANTI-AIR DEFENSES, STAY FROSTY!

HOOVER!
I KNOW. GIMME A SEC.


THEY'LL AT LEAST GIVE US LASER TRANSMISSIONS.
HAVE THE OBSERVATION PROBES SPREAD OUT WIDE!
LAUNCHING NOW!

ROGER. TRANSMIT TO ALL SQUADRONS!
SWITCH ALL PROBES TO WIDE DEPLOYMENT MODE!
ABORT THE EXERCISE! WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY!

ABORT EXERCISE! ABORT EXERCISE! CODE ALL RED.
YES SIR! ALL SHIPS AND ALL UNITS. FLAGSHIP NIKAYA HAS ISSUED AN EMERGENCY!
I REPEAT, FLAGSHIP NIKAYA HAS ISSUED...

REPEAT EVASIVE PATTERN C2 EVERY 45 SECONDS!
HELM, HARD TURN TO STARBOARD!
HARD TURN TO STARBOARD, AYE!
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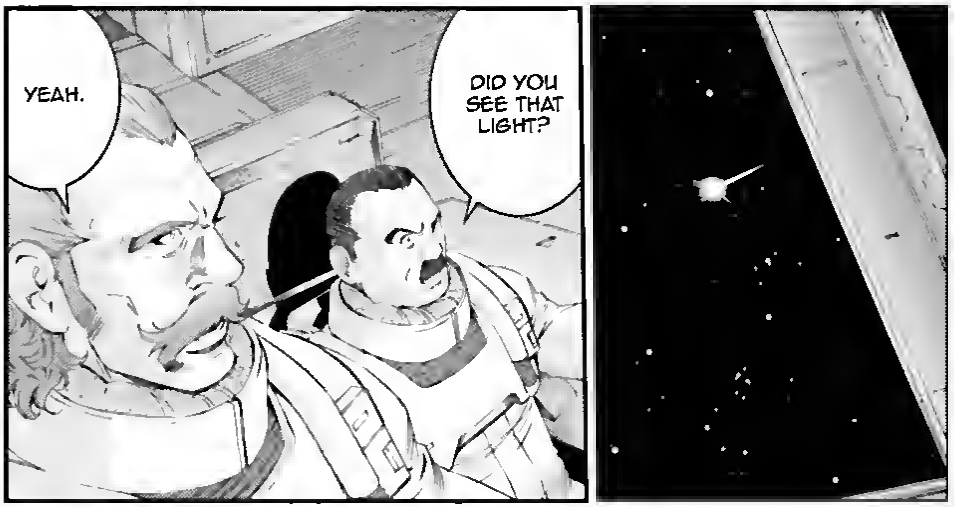
SFX. RUMBLE RUMBLE
TURN US TO PORT AT ONCE!
THE NIKAYA IS TURNING HARD
SCATTER THE FLEET!

ALL MUSAI, BE ADVISED!
IT'S CHOPPY BUT WE HAVE A DATA LINK FROM THE NIKAYA.
WE ARE TAKING A HARD TURN TO PORT! I REPEAT...

HARD TURN TO PORT!
SIGNAL FROM THE ESCORT SHIPS. THEY ACKNOWL-EDGED!

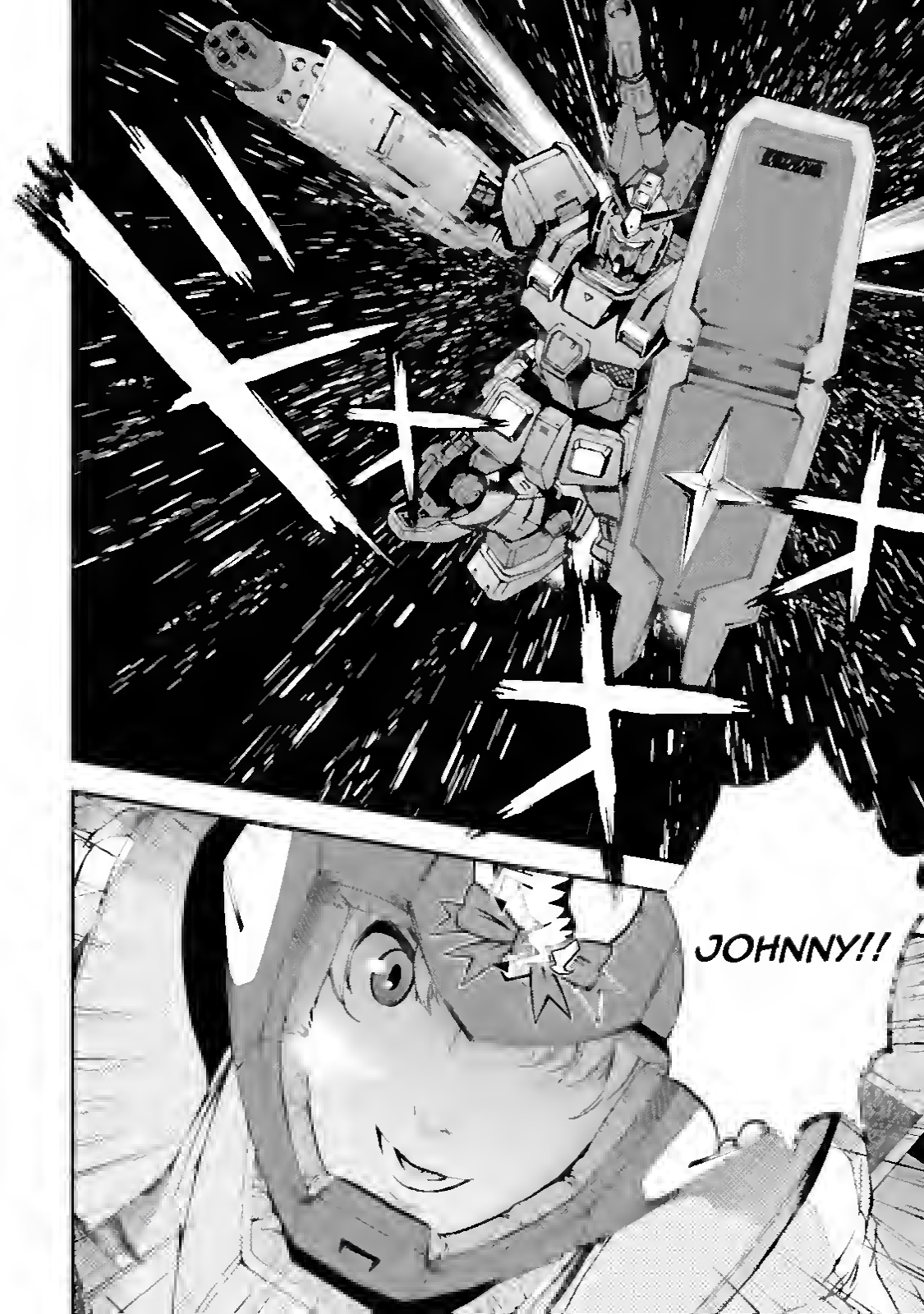

YEAH.
DID YOU SEE THAT LIGHT?

DON'T GET CAUGHT IN A FIREFIGHT!
WATCH OUR SURROUNDINGS!
INFORM THE MS TO SPLIT INTO PLATOONS!
IT PAINS ME TO SAY THIS BUT WE'D GET IN THE WAY IN A FIREFIGHT.
AT THE VERY LEAST, WE CAN STILL BE THEIR EYES AND RECON.
ROGER. CALLING ALL MS...

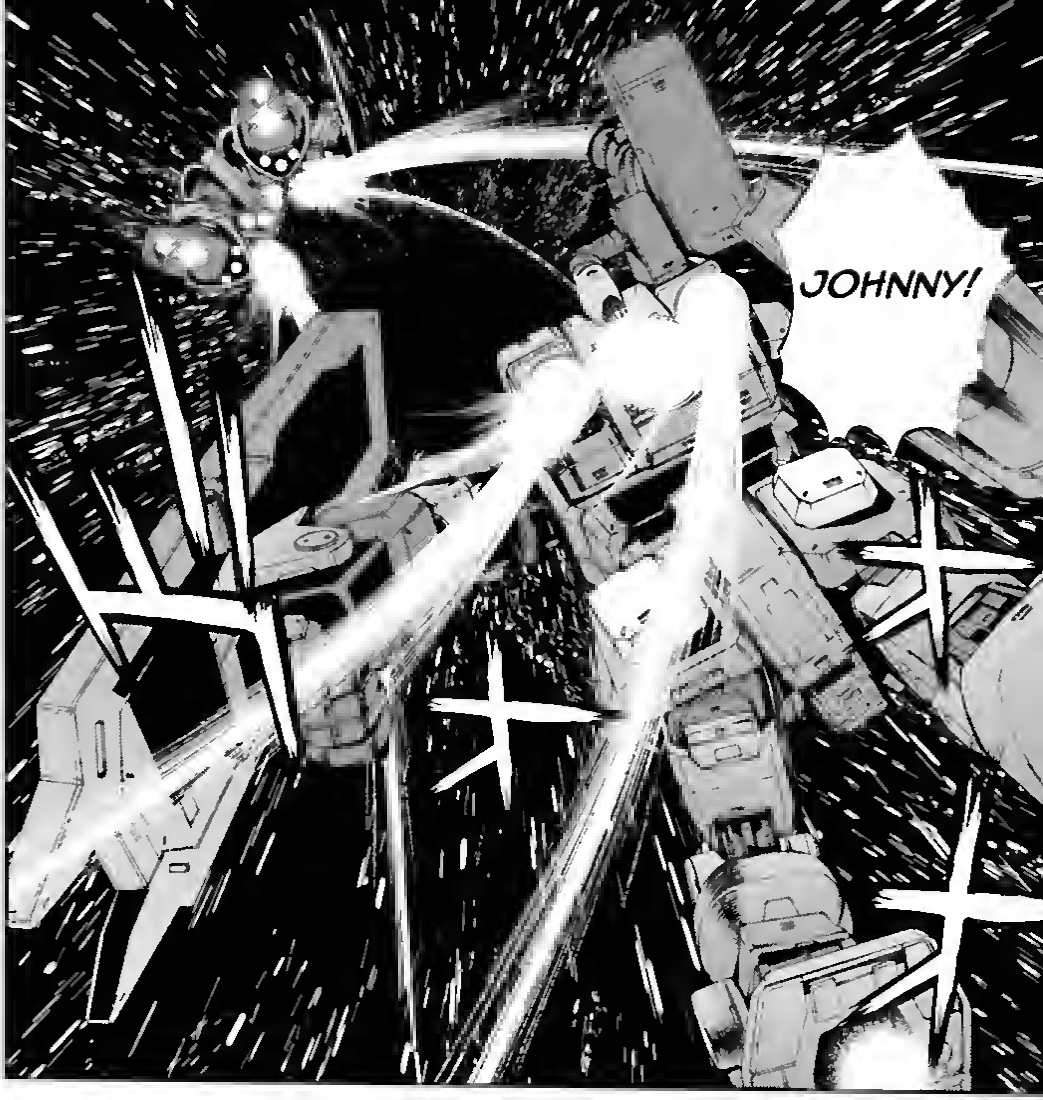
KEEP OUR ANTI-AIR DEFENSES PRIMED

AN ALERT?
!!
CAUTION!!
SFX. BEEEEP
WHAT IS-?
!!
SFX: PWOO

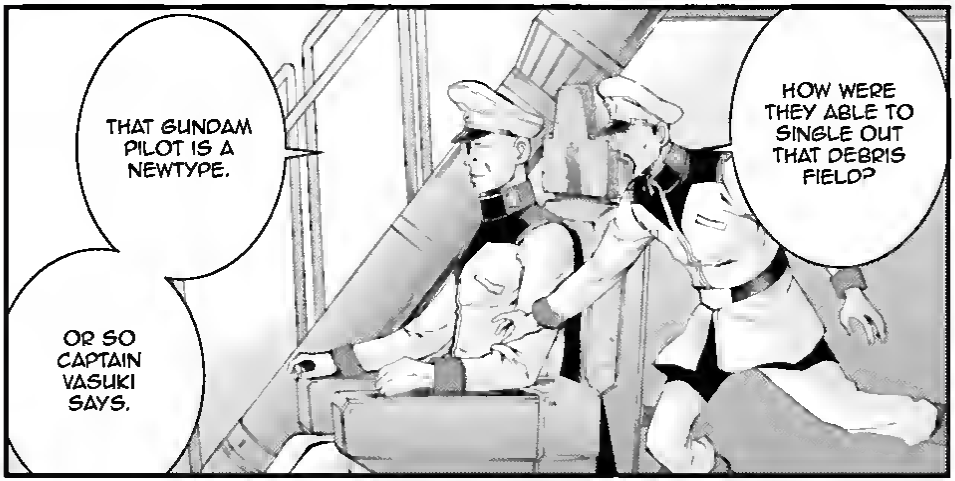
NOT BAD, AS ALWAYS!
SORRY PAL,
BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGET ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS!
....! YOU AGAIN!?


JOHNNY!!

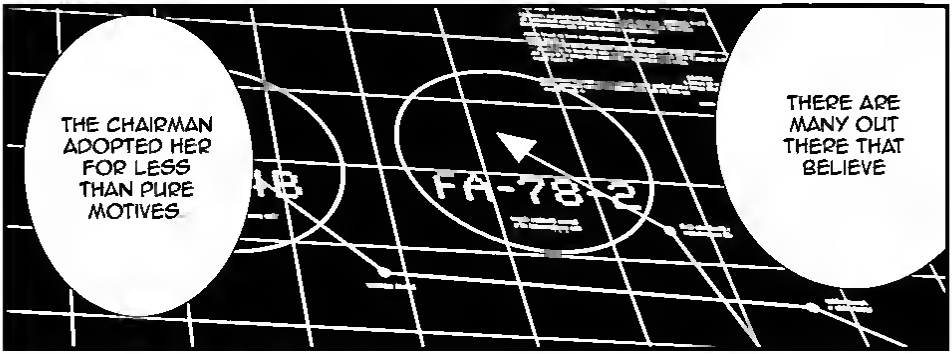
DAMN!!
SFX. BOOM BOOM
BUT I DON'T IMAGINE YOU'D LET THIS ASS GO SO EASILY.
I'D SAY "KISS MY ASS GOODBYE"
SO YOU'RE FINALLY READY FOR A FIGHT!


JOHNNY!

SFX: BEEEP BEEEP



IS SHE REALLY HIS?
OF COURSE NOT. SHE'S ADOPTED.


THERE ARE MANY OUT THERE THAT BELIEVE
THE CHAIRMAN ADOPTED HER FOR LESS THAN PURE MOTIVES

APOLOGIES SIR, BUT I WAS ONE OF THOSE "MANY"
UNTIL RECENTLY.
THEN,
THAT'S SETTLED.

YOU'LL DO WELL TO REMEMBER THAT.
EVERYTHING THE CHAIRMAN DOES HAS A PURPOSE.
JUST TRY NOT TO OVERTHINK IT TOO MUCH.
I'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND, SIR.
DROP ANCHOR HERE!
THE BLANC RIVAL HAS ARRIVED AT THE DESTINATION!
CUT THE IFF AND BRING ANTI-AIR DEFENSES ONLINE! HOW THICK ARE THE MINOVSKY PARTICLES?
SFX: BEEEP BEEEP

VERY WELL. LET'S SIT TIGHT FOR NOW.
PLENTY THICK!

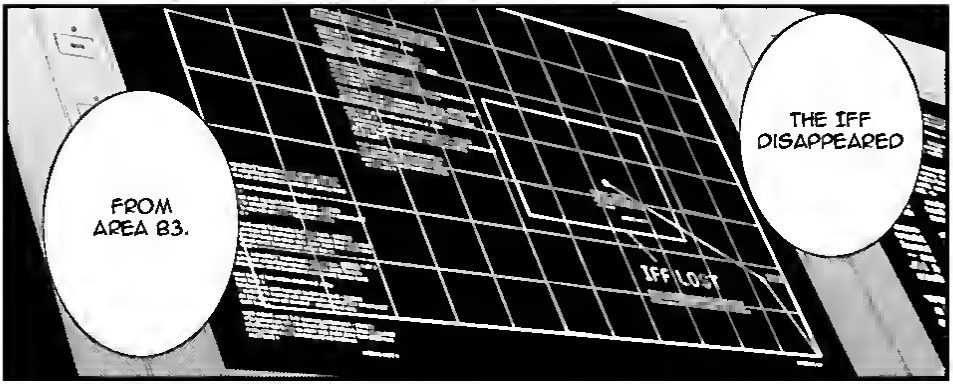
LT. JR. GRD. FILUS, DEFENSE IS ALL ON YOU.
YES SIR. THE ESCORT UNITS HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED.

PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULDN'T BE HERE ANYWAY.
VANESSA MUST REALLY HATE ME RIGHT NOW.
I'LL LET HER KNOW THAT.
HAHAHA!
YOU'D BETTER WATCH YOURSELF. YOU'RE GONNA BE A FATHER AFTER ALL.
YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE EITHER, GAIUS

IF I DON'T PULL MY OWN WEIGHT, VANESSA'S GONNA HATE ME EVEN MORE!

I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING.
THIS SECTOR...
GATHERING DATA NOW.
THE 27TH PLATOON IS HEADING OVER TO ASCERTAIN THE SITUATION!
WHAT DO WE KNOW!?

WHAT'S WRONG?
HUH?


THE IFF DISAPPEARED
FROM AREA B3.
IFF LOST

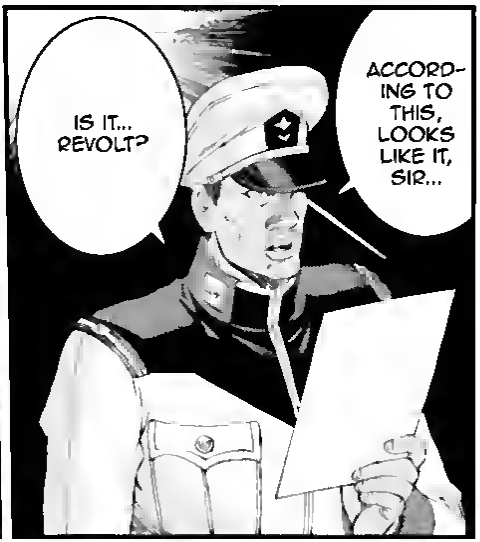
IT WAS DEFINITELY THERE 20 SECONDS AGO.
NO MISTAKE SIR.

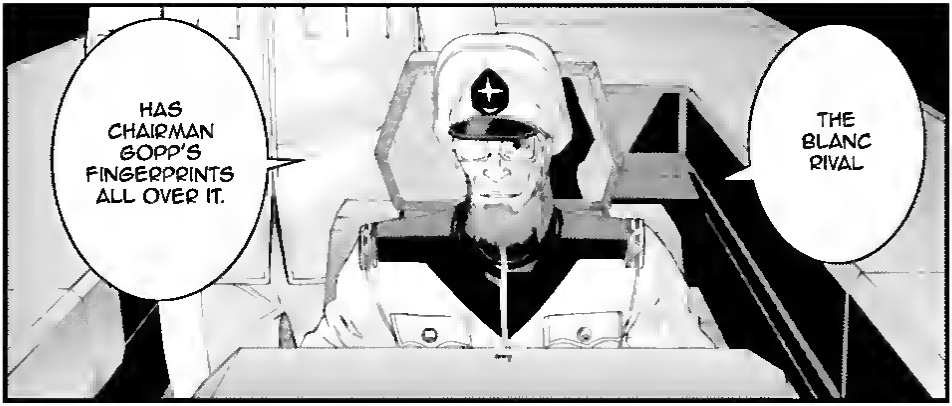
DISAPPEARED? YOU SURE THAT WASN'T JUST A MISTAKE?

...

BELONGED TO THE BLANC RIVAL, YES?
NO DOUBT THAT IFF SIGNAL

WHAT CAN THEY POSSIBLY DO WITH ONLY ONE ASSAULT CARRIER?
NONSENSE.


IS IT... REVOLT?
ACCORD-ING TO THIS, LOOKS LIKE IT, SIR...


HAS CHAIRMAN GOPP'S FINGERPRINTS ALL OVER IT.
THE BLANC RIVAL

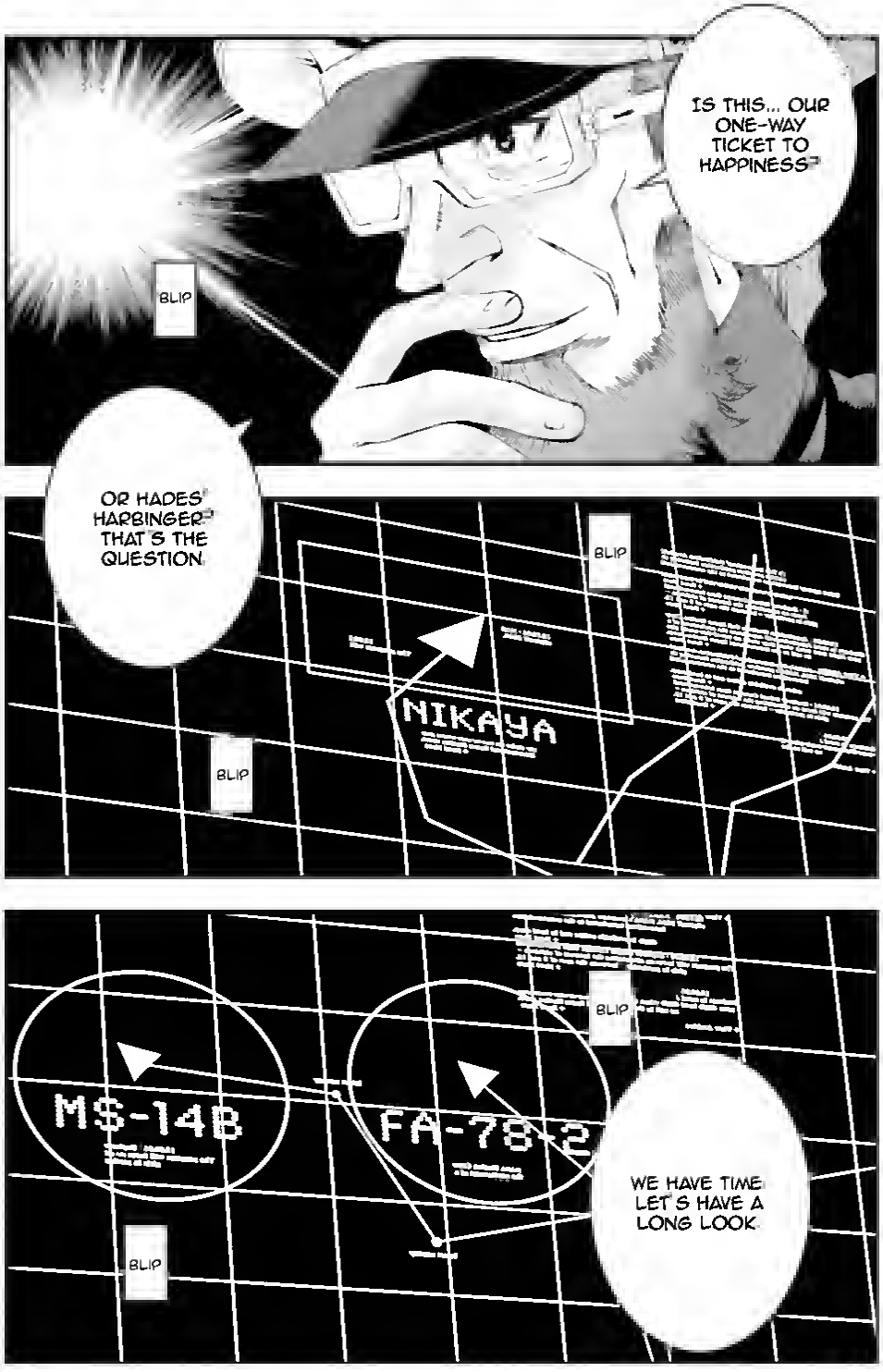
...?

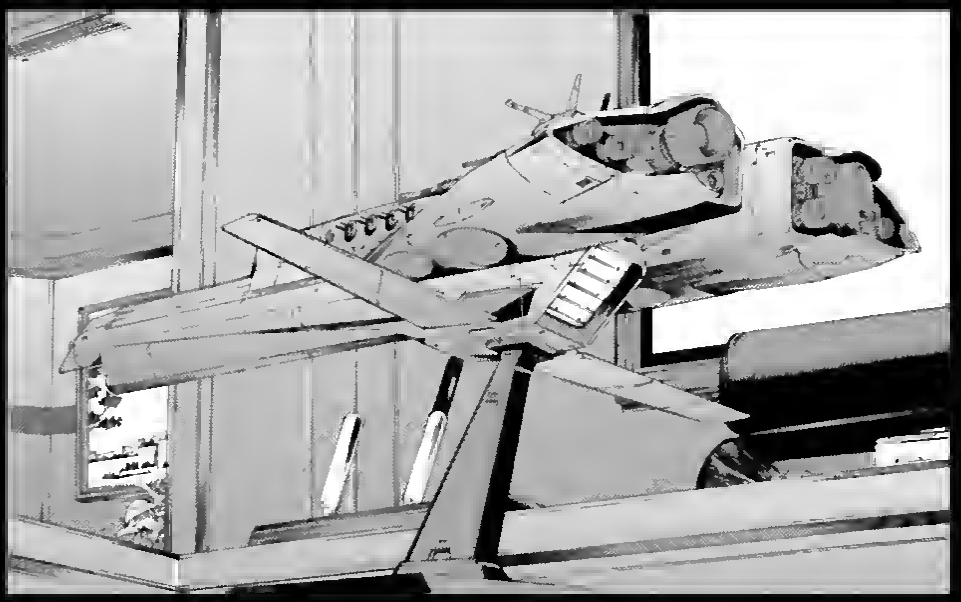
CAN'T TAKE THE HINT, I SEE.
IT MEANS THAT SHIP....
IS NOT OFFICIALLY HERE.

IN OTHER WORDS, WE CAN'T TOUCH THAT SHIP.
DOES THAT...

IF AND WHEN IT COMES TO IT, WE'LL INTERVENE
JUST IN CASE, SEND OVER 2 PATROL SHIP GROUPS TO OBSERVE THEM.

IF WE PLAY OUR CARDS RIGHT...
WE MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO RETURN TO EARTH.


IS THIS... OUR ONE-WAY TICKET TO HAPPINESS?
BLIP
OR HADES' HARBINGER? THAT'S THE QUESTION.
BLIP
NIKAYA
BLIP
MS-14B
FA-78-2
BLIP
WE HAVE TIME. LET'S HAVE A LONG LOOK.



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...POWER OF CLEVERNESS

SFX:
FWOO

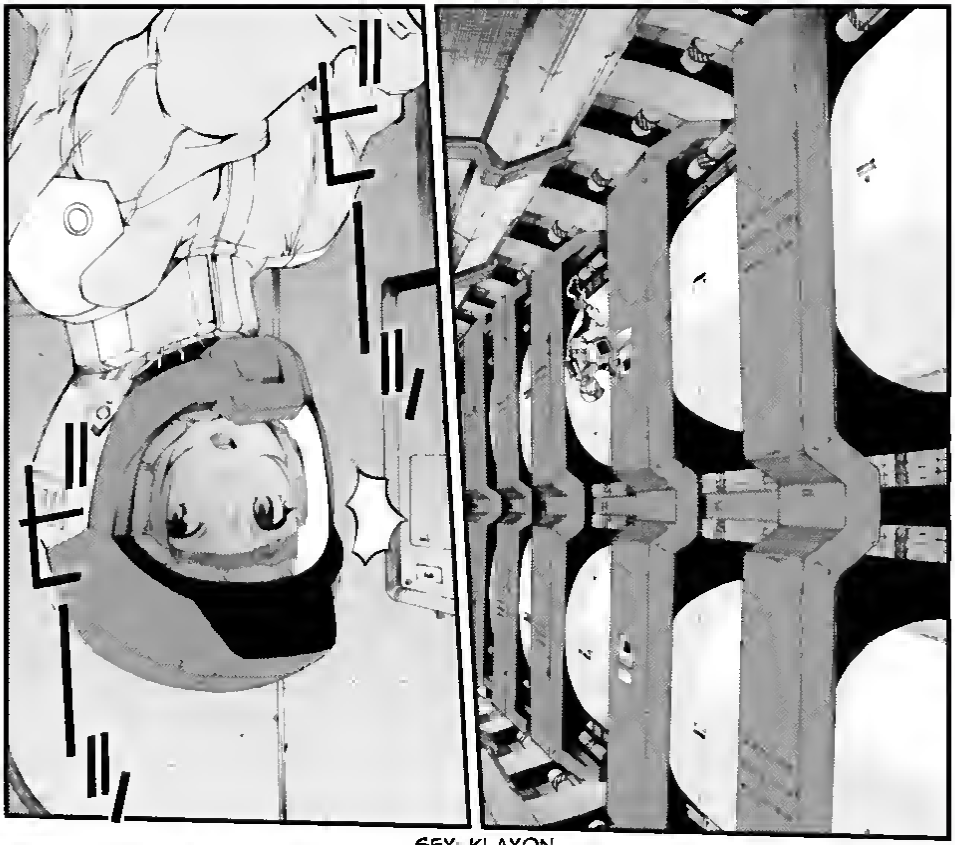
SFX:
BAM

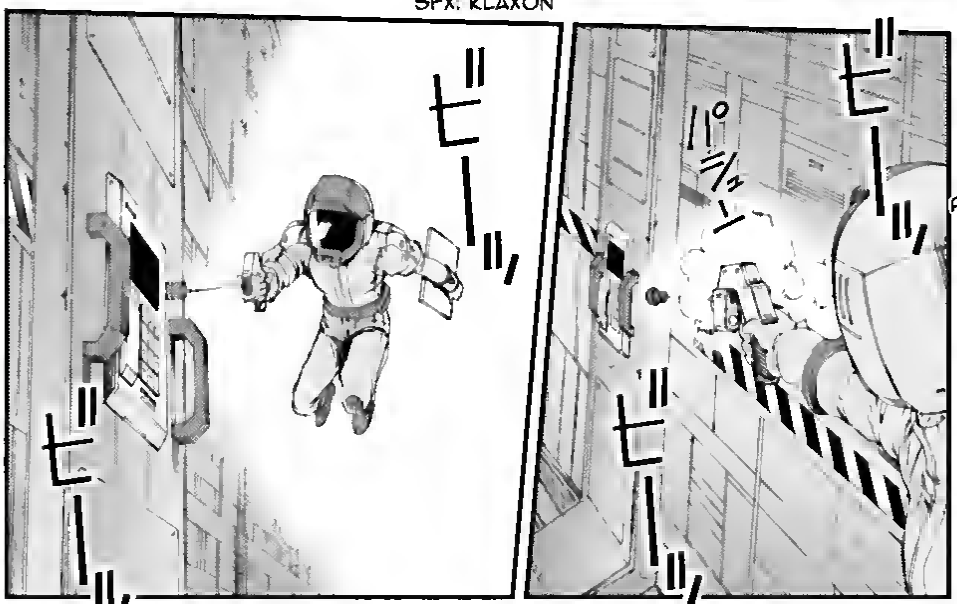
SFX: THWOP
BLIP
BLIP
HUH?
WHAT'S UP WITH THE DEBRIS HERE?

DIGITAL ZOOM
THAT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANYTHING LEFT BY A REGULAR BATTLE
YOU'RE FIGHTING WITH A GUNDAM
AND STILL HAVE TIME TO GAWK AT THE SCENERY!? I GUESS I SHOULD COMPLIMENT YOU!
THAT'S
QUITE... THE HONOR!

FIGHT ME LIKE A MAN!
I'VE GOT NO TIME TO PLAY WITH THE LIKES OF YOU!

SFX: WWWHHH


SFX: KLAXON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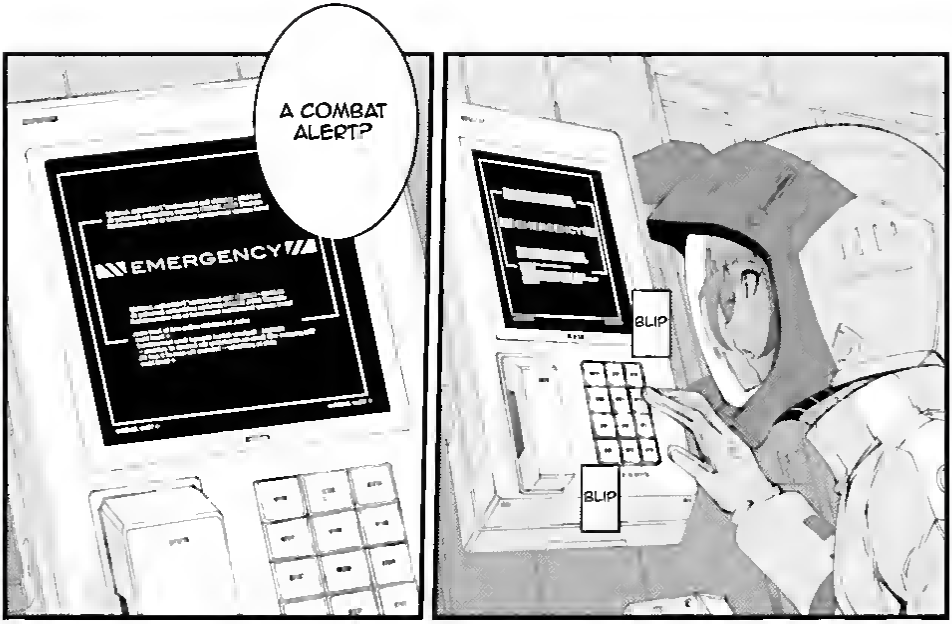

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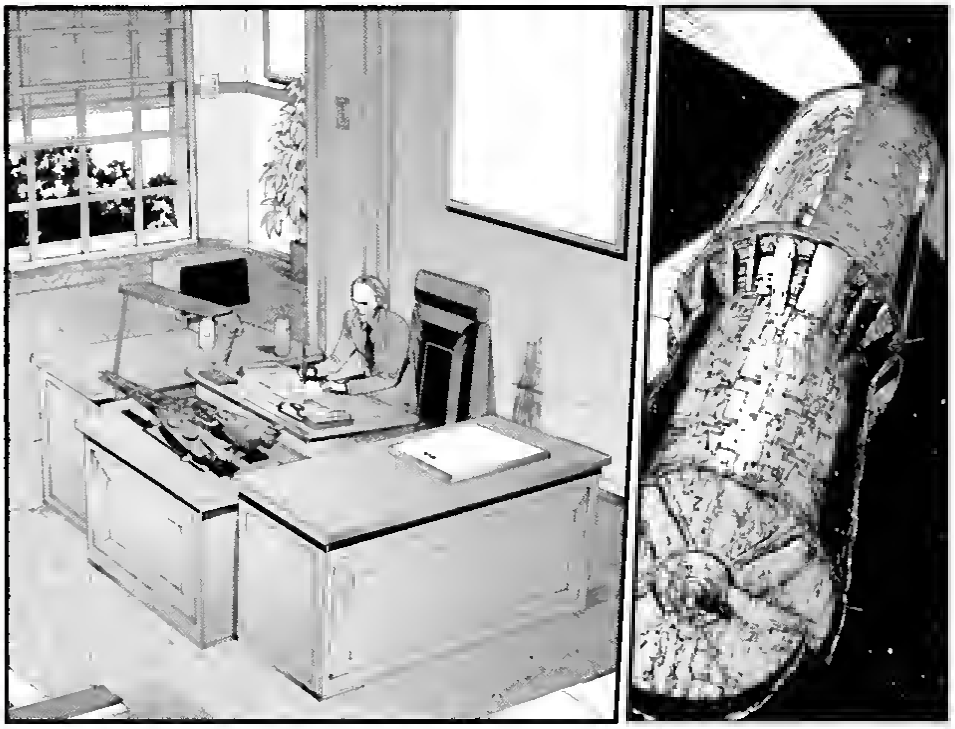
SFX: CRACKLE

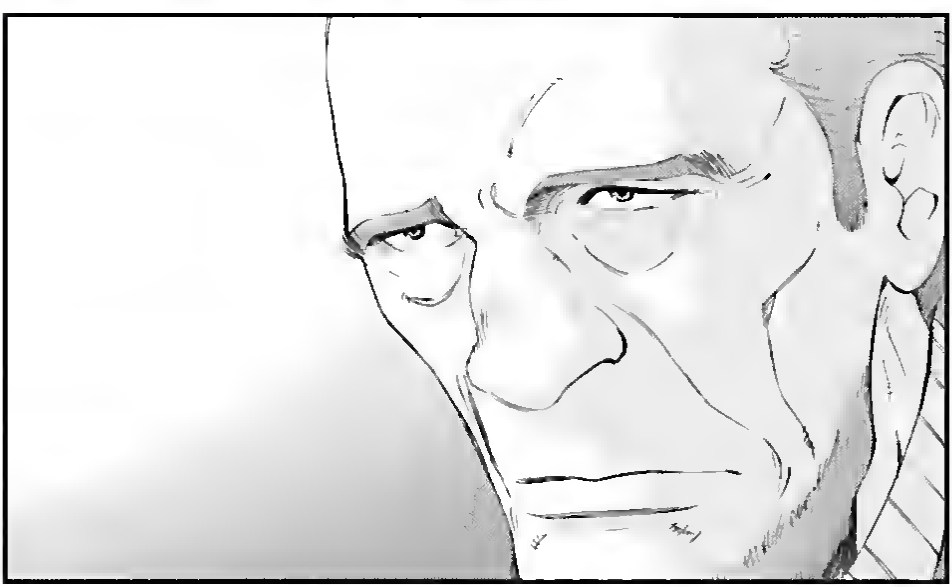
YOU SURE GOT AN APPETITE, KID!
LIKE A TRUE BEAST!

I LEARNED ALL THAT FROM YOU!
SHOW ME THOSE FANGS!
NOW, HOWL FOR ME!
SO YOU LEVELED UP, EH? YOU DON'T KNOW HOW DELIGHTED I AM!
SHOW ME A REAL BEAST!

YOU ASKED FOR IT!
H!!



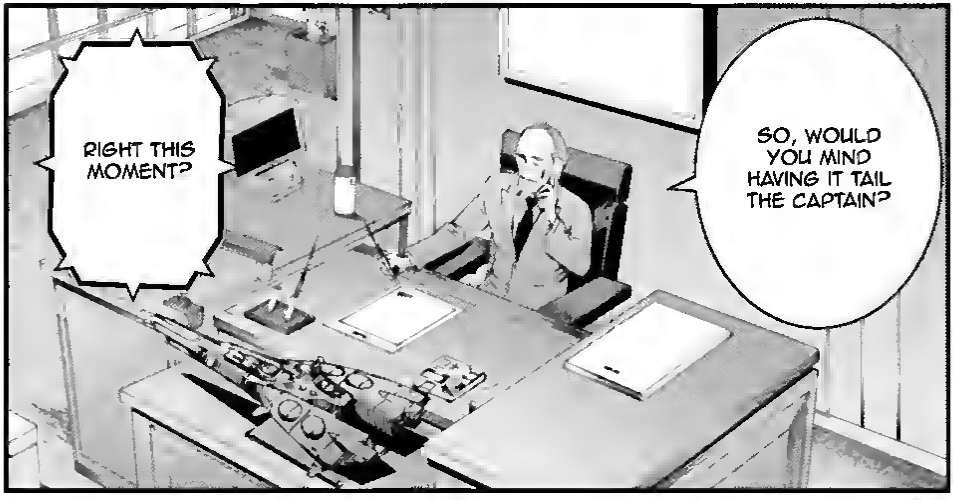
SFX: SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE



SFX: CLACK
RIIING
ARTONAIGE, IT'S ME. HOW MANY SHIPS CAN MOVE?
YES?
RIING

NOW, SIR?
YES, RIGHT NOW.

ONLY THE MUSAI-KAI CLASS MERETSEGER.
THAT'LL DO.

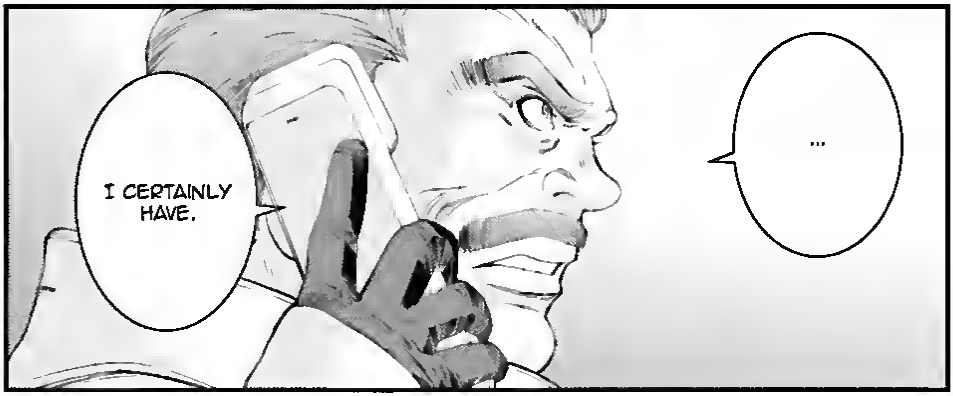

SO, WOULD YOU MIND HAVING IT TAIL THE CAPTAIN?
RIGHT THIS MOMENT?

THIS IS TO QUELL AN OLD MAN'S WORRIES, OF COURSE.
THAT IS CORRECT.

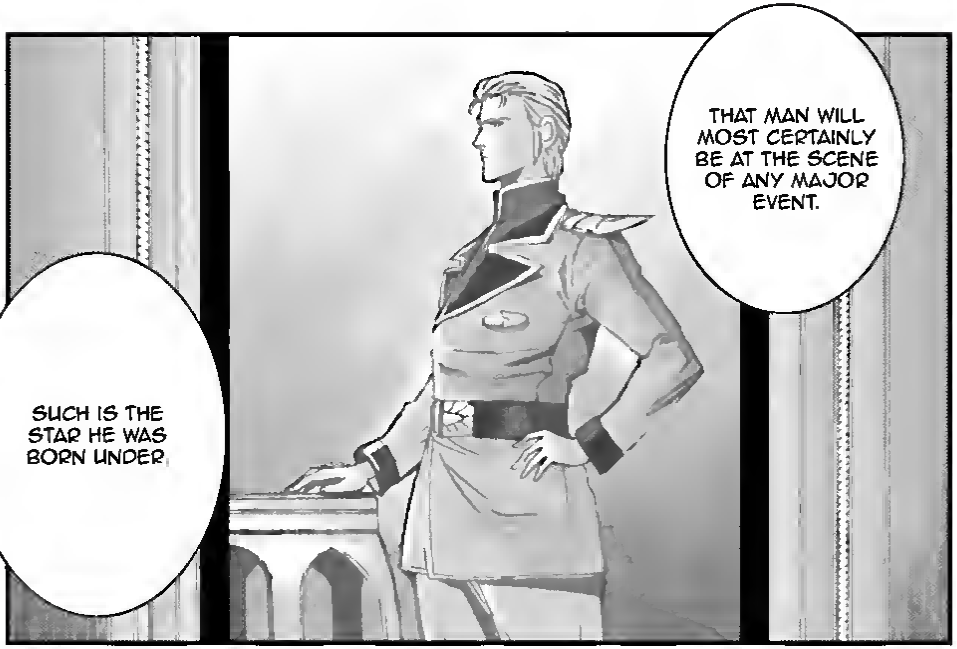
THAT'S TRIVIAL COMPARED TO THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO.
WON'T THIS UPSET THE CAPTAIN?

THE CAPTAIN WILL TRY TO MAKE CONTACT WITH CHIMAERA?
DO YOU THINK

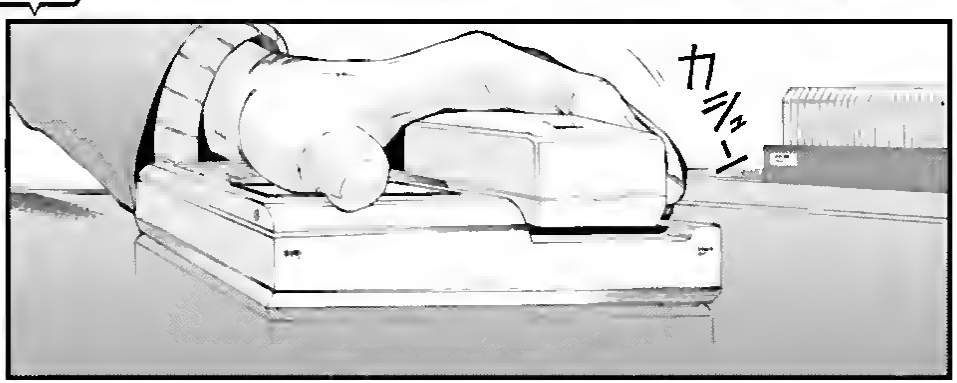
I'M SURE YOU'VE ALREADY GOTTEN A TASTE OF THE CAPTAIN ALREADY,
A TASTE OF HIS SUPERB INTUITION AND INFLUENCE.


...
I CERTAINLY HAVE.

BESIDES, RECORDED IN THE CAPTAIN'S MILITARY RECORD
IS THE FACT THAT HE UNCOVERED THE V-PROJECT DURING THE ONE YEAR WAR.


THAT MAN WILL MOST CERTAINLY BE AT THE SCENE OF ANY MAJOR EVENT.
SUCH IS THE STAR HE WAS BORN UNDER.

I WILL DISPATCH THE MERETSEGER AT ONCE.
I UNDERSTAND, SIR.
THANK YOU.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SFX: CLACK

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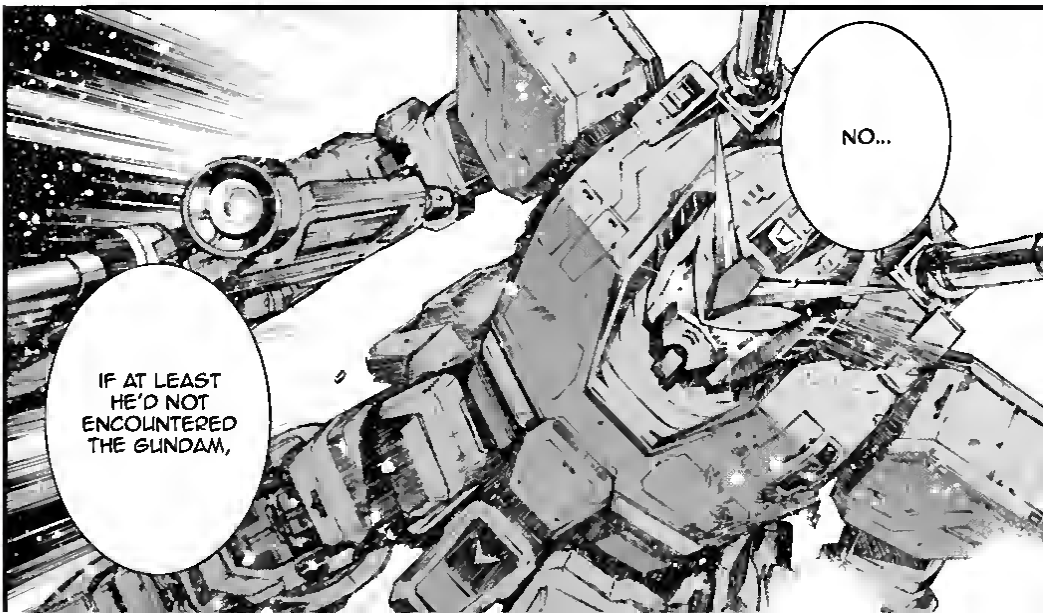
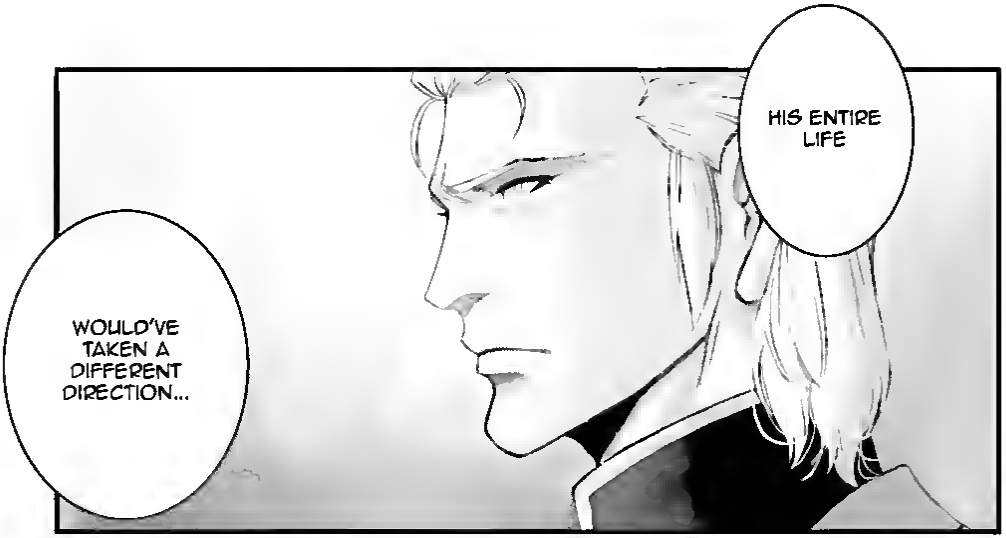
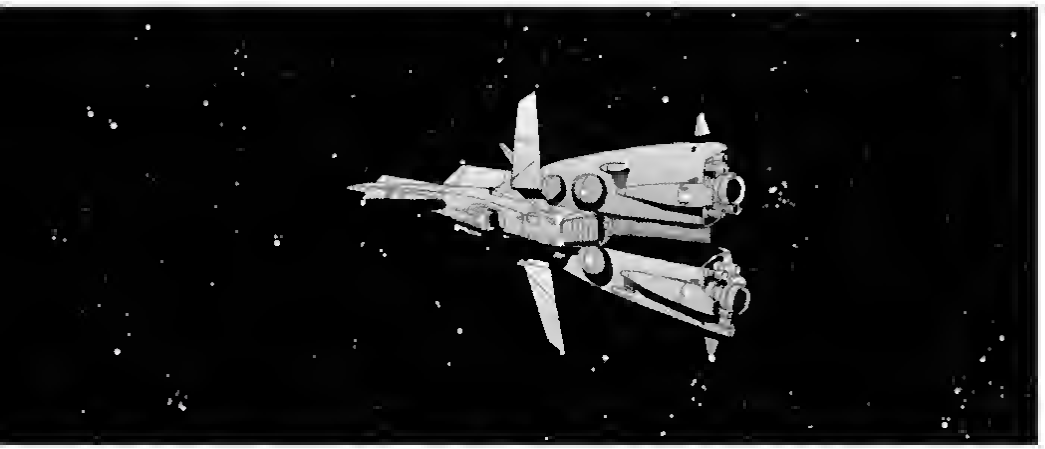
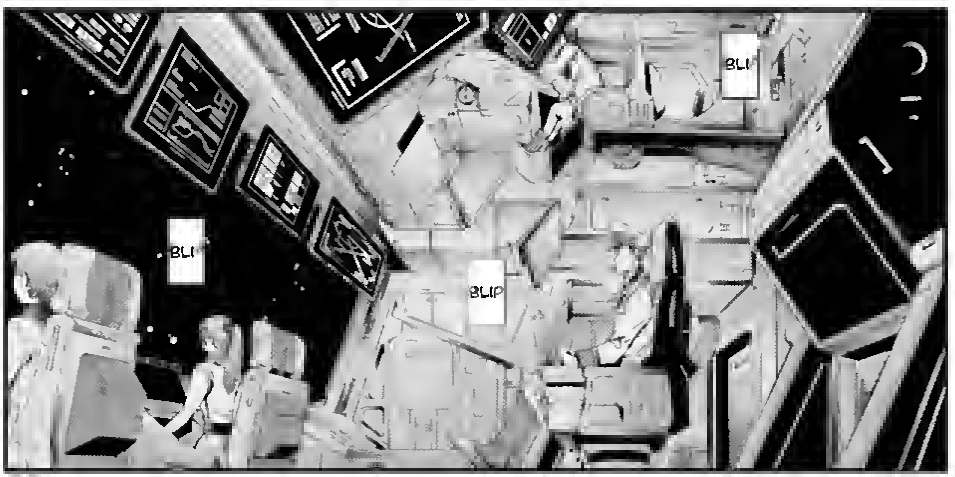
TO THINK THAT, IF HE HAD NOT BEEN FATHERED BY THE GREAT DEIKUN..


NO...
IF AT LEAST HE'D NOT ENCOUNTERED THE GUNDAM,


HIS ENTIRE LIFE
WOULD'VE TAKEN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION...

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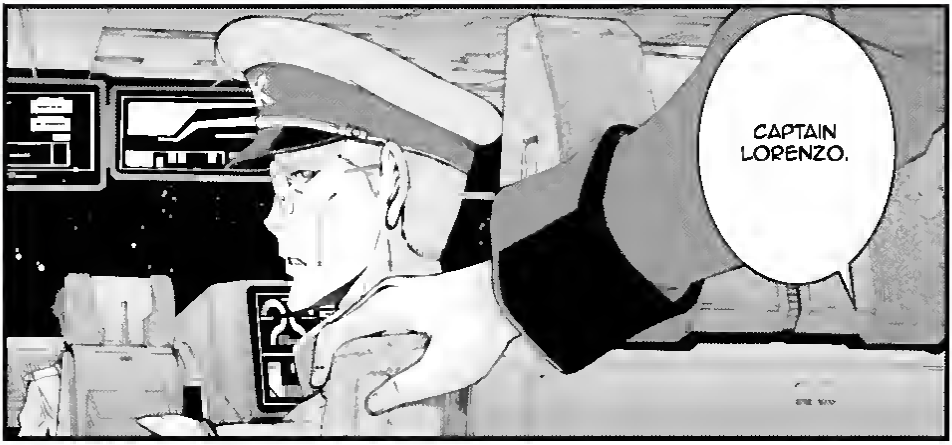
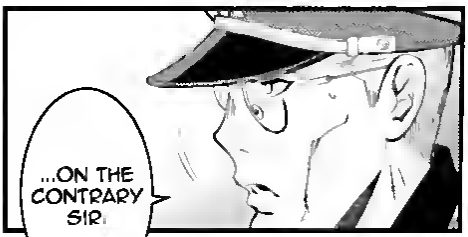

CAPTAIN LORENZO.

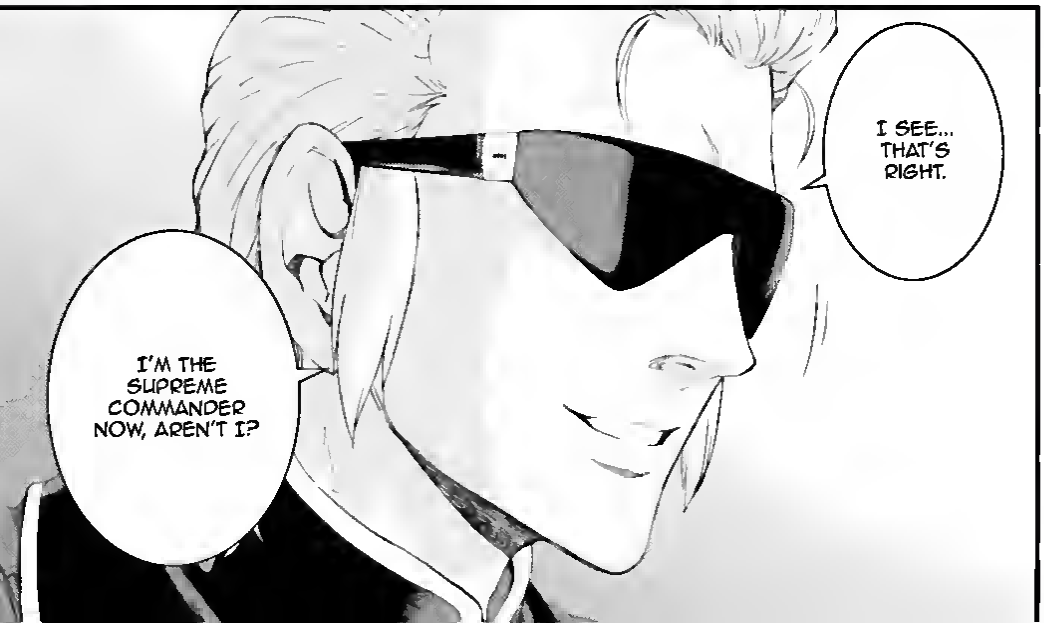
PARDON, SIR.
NO NEED TO BE SO STIFF.
LOOSEN UP.

DON'T YOU AGREE?
FLYING SOLO IS RATHER RELAXING,


...ON THE CONTRARY SIR.

WITH PEOPLE LIKE SUPREME COMMANDER SIHREN ON BOARD, CAPTAIN?
HAVE YOU EVER COMMANDED A SHIP

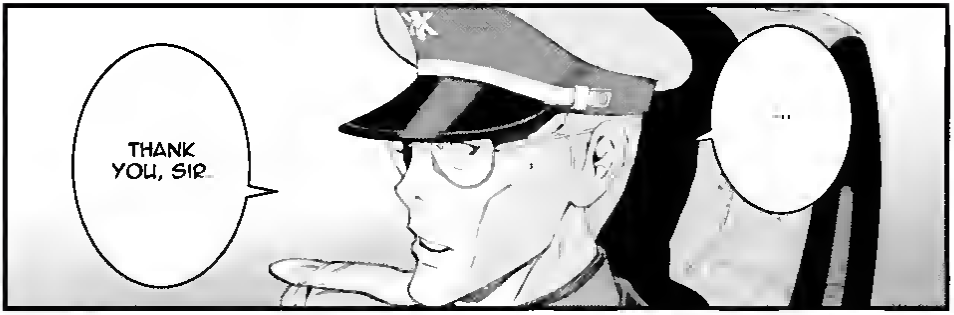
CAN'T SAY I HAVE..
NO,


I'M THE SUPREME COMMANDER NOW, AREN'T I?
I SEE... THAT'S RIGHT.

AND I AM OBLIGED TO GET YOU HOME SAFELY AT ALL COSTS.
THAT IS CORRECT, SIR.

FORGIVE ME, BUT IT'S AS YOU SAY.
SO I'M FRAGILE CARGO, HUH?

OH NO, I DON'T MIND AT ALL.
IT'S BETTER TO SPEAK PLAINLY ON THE BATTLEFIELD.


THANK YOU, SIR.
...

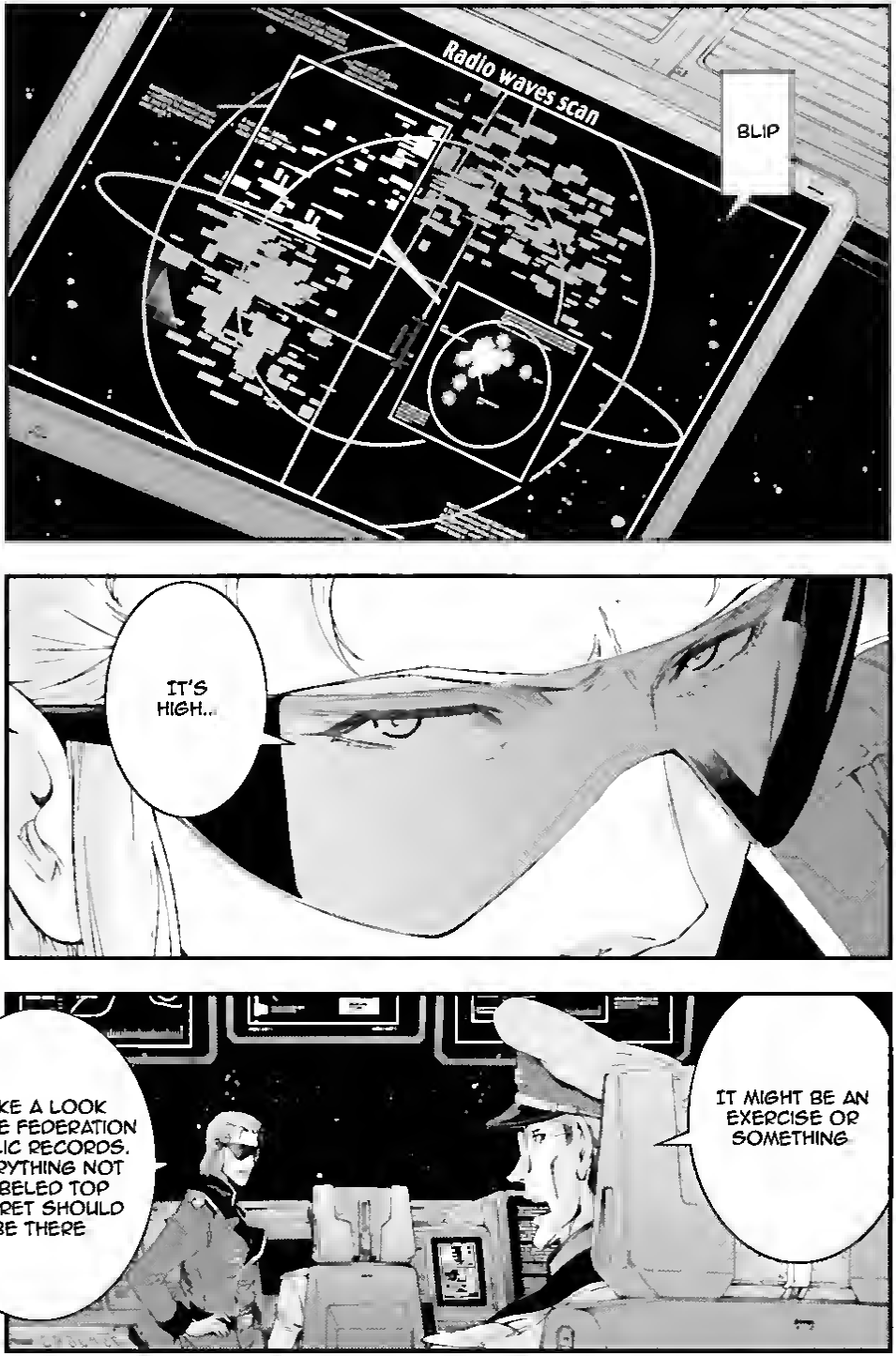
YOU ARE TOO KIND, SIR.
IN ANY CASE, LET'S GET THIS CARGO OUT OF YOUR WAY.
AT THE VERY LEAST, OUT OF YOUR SIGHT.

HEADING!?
HIT ON LONG-RANGE SENSORS!
IT'S IN SOLOMON'S DIRECTION. WE CAUGHT IT ON THE OPTICS.

NO MISTAKING IT. IT'S FROM SOLOMON.
IS IT THE GRAVEYARD SECTOR FROM THE REPORT?

YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO ESTIMATE THE MINOVSKY PARTICLE DENSITY FROM THAT.
LOOK AT THE RADIO WAVES. A PERCENTAGE OF THE WAVES SHOULD HAVE DECAYED.
YES SIR!

ESTIMATED MINOVSKY PARTICLE DENSITY COMING IN NOW!


Radio waves scan
BLIP
IT'S HIGH..
TAKE A LOOK AT THE FEDERATION PUBLIC RECORDS. EVERYTHING NOT LABELED TOP SECRET SHOULD BE THERE
IT MIGHT BE AN EXERCISE OR SOMETHING

THEY WOULDN'T DO IT IN SUCH A CONSPICUOUS PLACE.
EITHER WAY, EXERCISES OR TESTS, IF IT'S TOP SECRET,
I AGREE, SIR.
...
I MIGHT GO OUT IN A BIT.
YES, CAPTAIN.
ARLETTE!

...
SOMETHING THE MATTER?
CAPTAIN. I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU.
COME DOWN TO THE MS DECK,
IF YOU PLEASE

GOT IT.
ALRIGHT,

CAPTAIN LORENZO, LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU FIND SOMETHING IN THE FEDERATION PUBLIC RECORDS.
I'LL BE DOWN ON THE MS DECK.

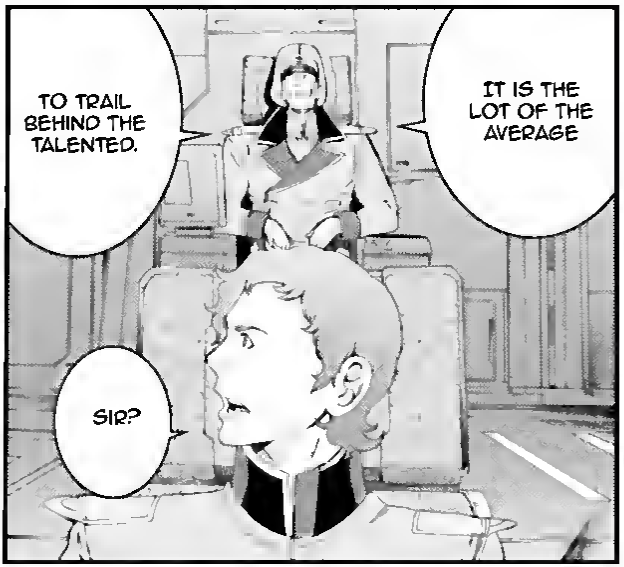
CAPTAIN.
DON'T LOOK SO DREARY,

...OF COURSE, SIR.

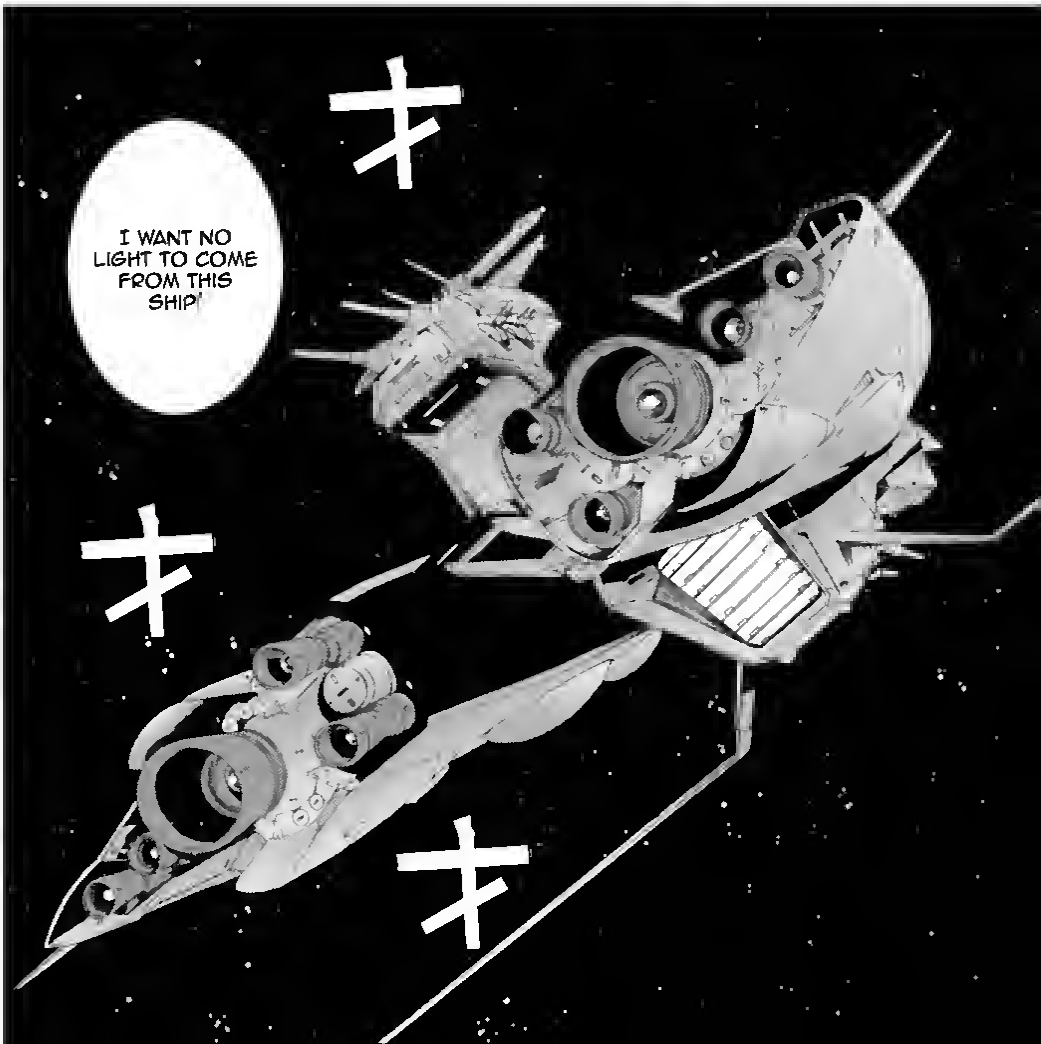
NOW, LET'S GO SEE JUST HOW ANGRY MY FITTER ENGINEER IS.
I'LL LEAVE YOU TO IT THEN.

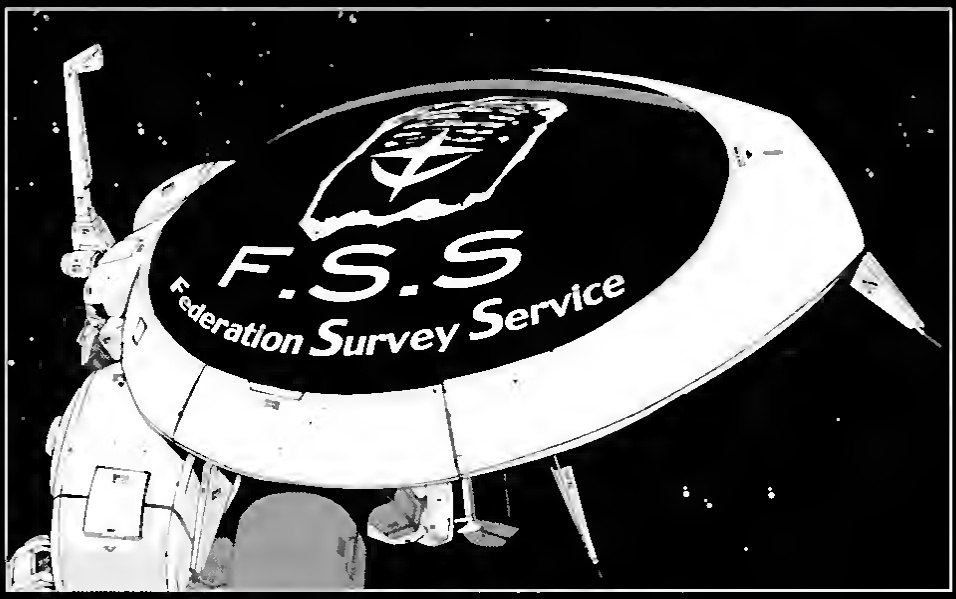
SFX: PSHEUW
...
THE SUPREME COMM-ANDER HAS LEFT THE BRIDGE!

I'M JUST COMP-LAINING.
DON T WORRY ABOUT IT.


TO TRAIL BEHIND THE TALENTED.
IT IS THE LOT OF THE AVERAGE
SIR?

ALL HANDS BATTLE STATIONS! SOLOMON IS OUR LIKELY DESTINATION!
MAN YOUR STATIONS AND ALL EYES ON THE SKIES! CUT THE ENGINE AND INITIATE INERTIAL FLIGHT!


I WANT NO LIGHT TO COME FROM THIS SHIP!



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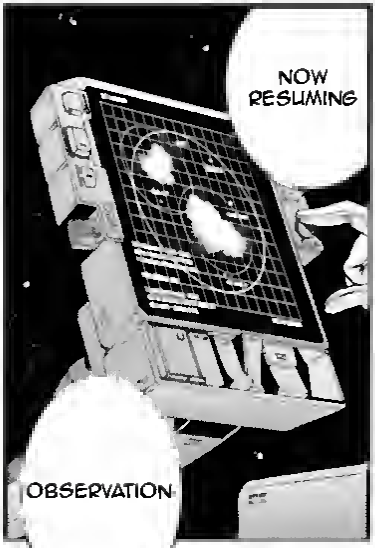
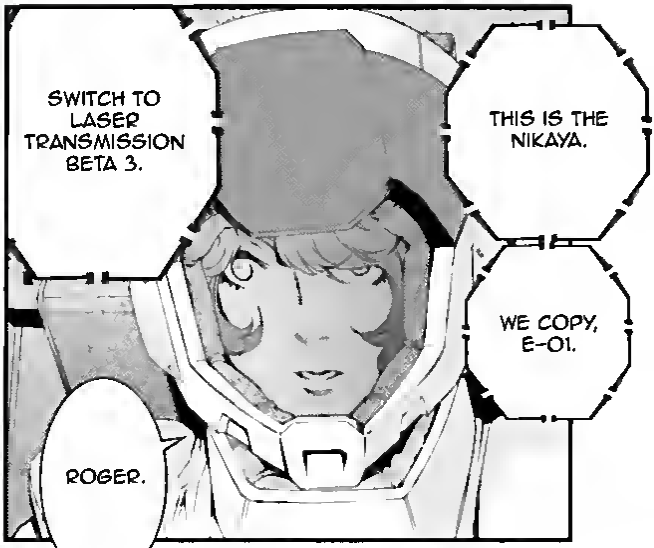
A SYMPATHIZER

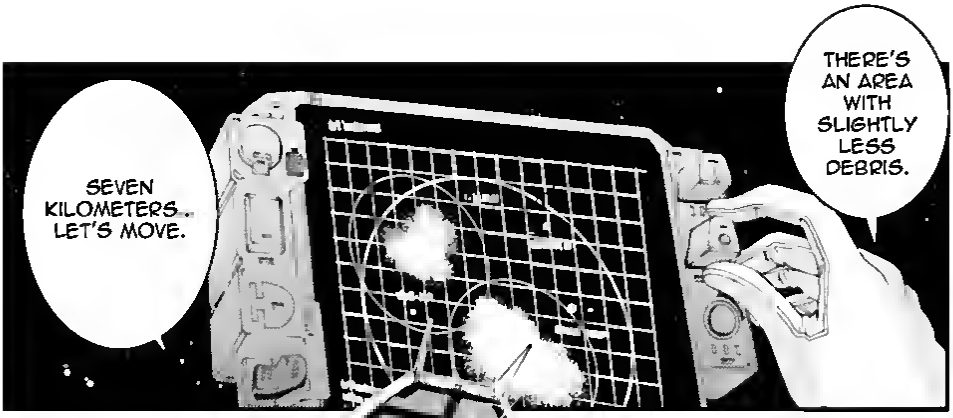
NIKAYA, DO YOU COPY?

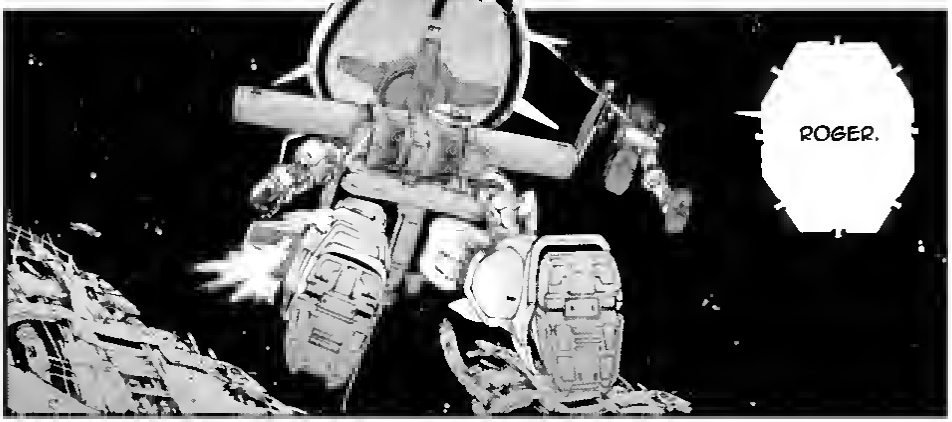
I'M SENDING YOU OUR BATTLE DATA.
THIS IS E-01.


NOW RESUMING
OBSERVATION


SWITCH TO LASER TRANSMISSION BETA 3.
THIS IS THE NIKAYA.
WE COPY, E-01.
ROGER.

NO STRANGERS HEREABOUT.
ALL THIS DEBRIS IS IN THE WAY.
I WISH THIS PLACE WASN'T SO CRAMPED.
I CAN'T GET DECENT DATA LIKE THIS.
WELL, WE'LL MANAGE SOMEHOW. WORST CASE SCENARIO,
I CAN BUY YOU SOME TIME TO RUN AWAY.
YOU WANNA RELOCATE A BIT?
YOU SURE?


SEVEN KILOMETERS... LET'S MOVE.
THERE'S AN AREA WITH SLIGHTLY LESS DEBRIS.


ROGER.

JUST INSTRUCTIONS TO STAY IN THIS SECTOR.
COMMAND SAY ANYTHING YET?
ARE PLAYING A GAME OF CHESS NOW.
HMPH, SOUNDS LIKE THE BIG BOYS
BUT YEAH, THOSE ARE FEDERATION SOLDIERS.
I DUNNO HOW I FEEL ABOUT COUNTING THE FSS AS FEDERATION SOLDIERS,
IT APPEARS FEDERATION SOLDIERS ARE FIGHTING EACH OTHER...
NO MATTER HOW YOU CUT IT,

WE CAN'T FIND THE MOTHERSHIP.
JUST LIKE US.
THEY'RE WATCHING THE GAME FROM THE VIP BOX.
MORE IMPORTANTLY,
WHO ARE THEY AND WHERE DID THEY COME FROM..
AND PROBABLY JUST RUN AWAY.
THE MOMENT THEY SMELL TROUBLE, THEY'LL INTERVENE AND PICK UP THEIR UNITS,

BUT THEY'RE NOT TELLING US A DAMN THING.
I IMAGINE OUR SUPERIORS ALREADY KNOW.

ONLY ONE THING TO DO.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

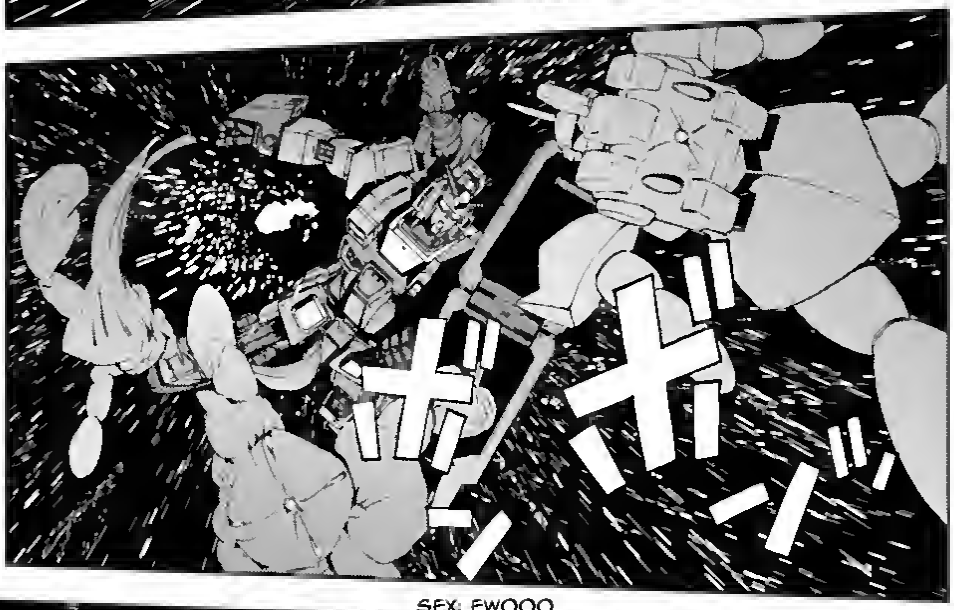
UNTIL THEY'RE SATISFIED.
WE'LL JUST SIT TIGHT AND ENJOY THE VIEW.

SFX: RATA TATA
SFX: BABA BABANG
SFX: KABOOM

SFX: FWOOO
SFX: BSHEUW
SFX: THUD
SFX: WOOSH

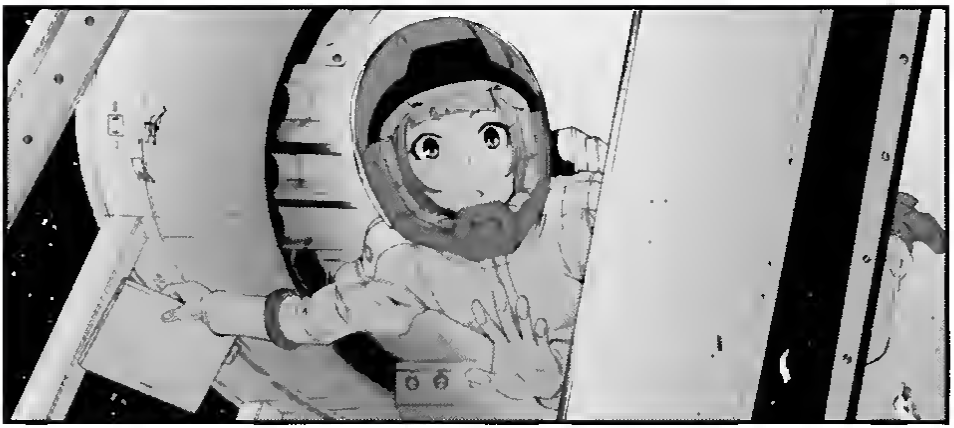
PIECE O' CRAP!
THAT SUIT'S MOBILITY
I CAN'T EVEN DRAW A BEAD ON HIM...
HAS IMPROVED SO MUCH SINCE JABURO. IT'S CRAZY.

SFX:
PSHEW
PSHEW
PSHEW


SFX:
FWOP
FWOP

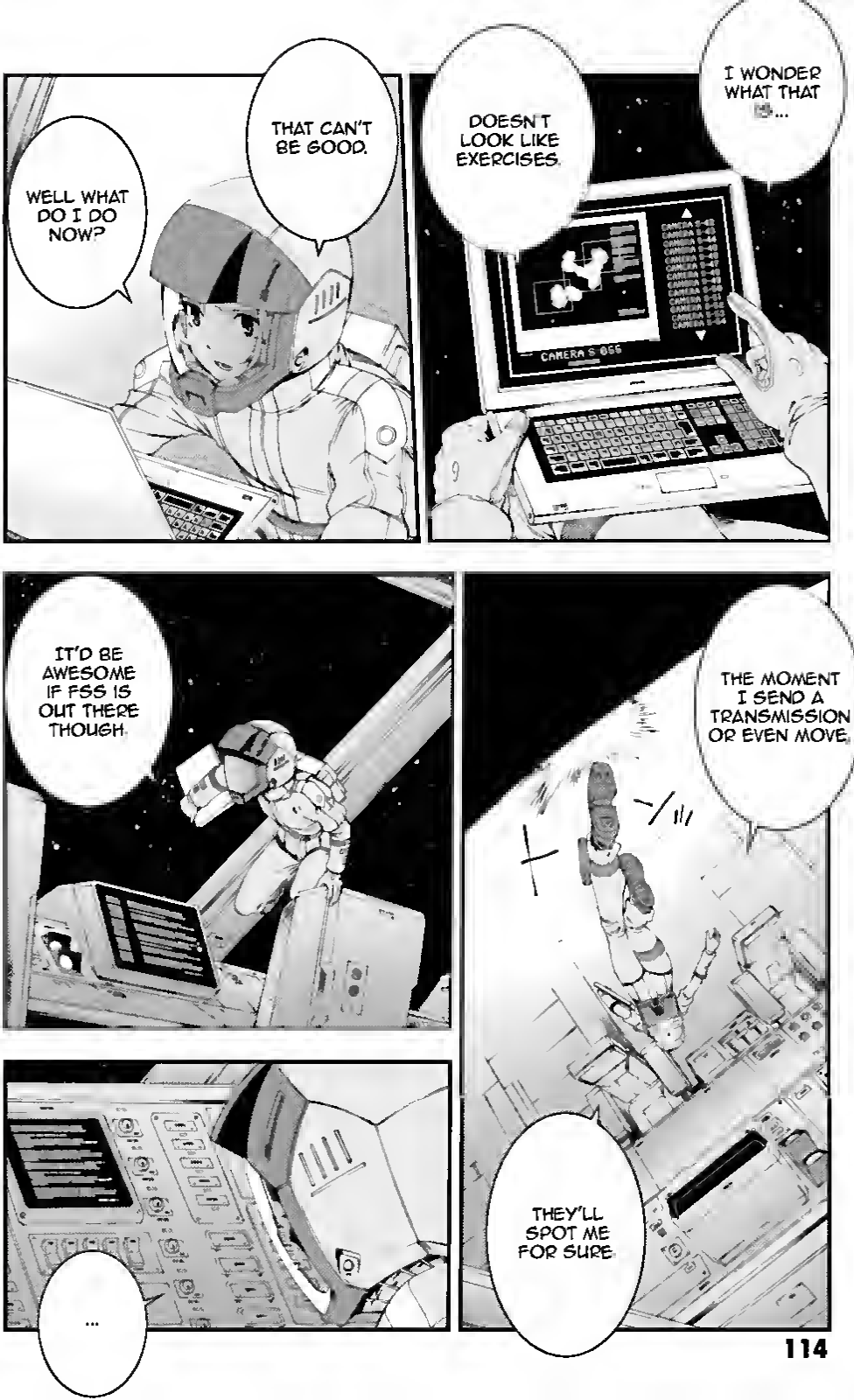
SFX: FWOOO

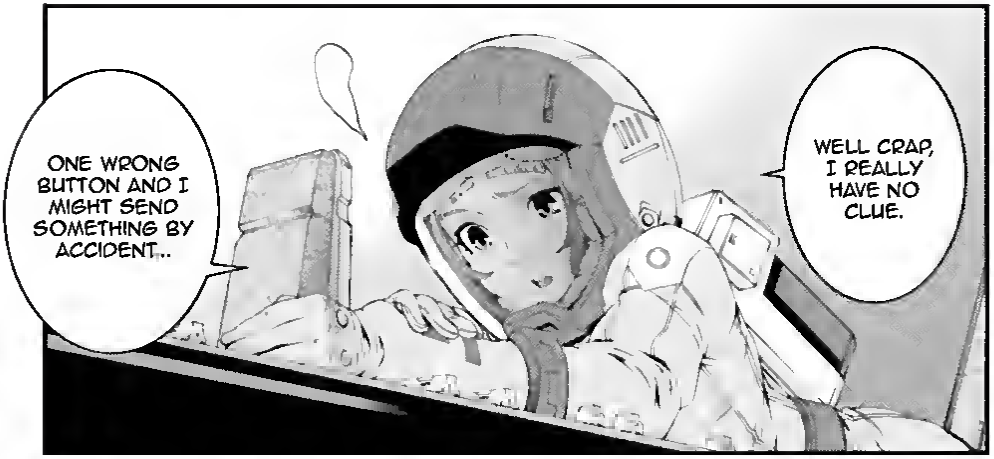
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE!



SFX: CLICK CLICK CLICK

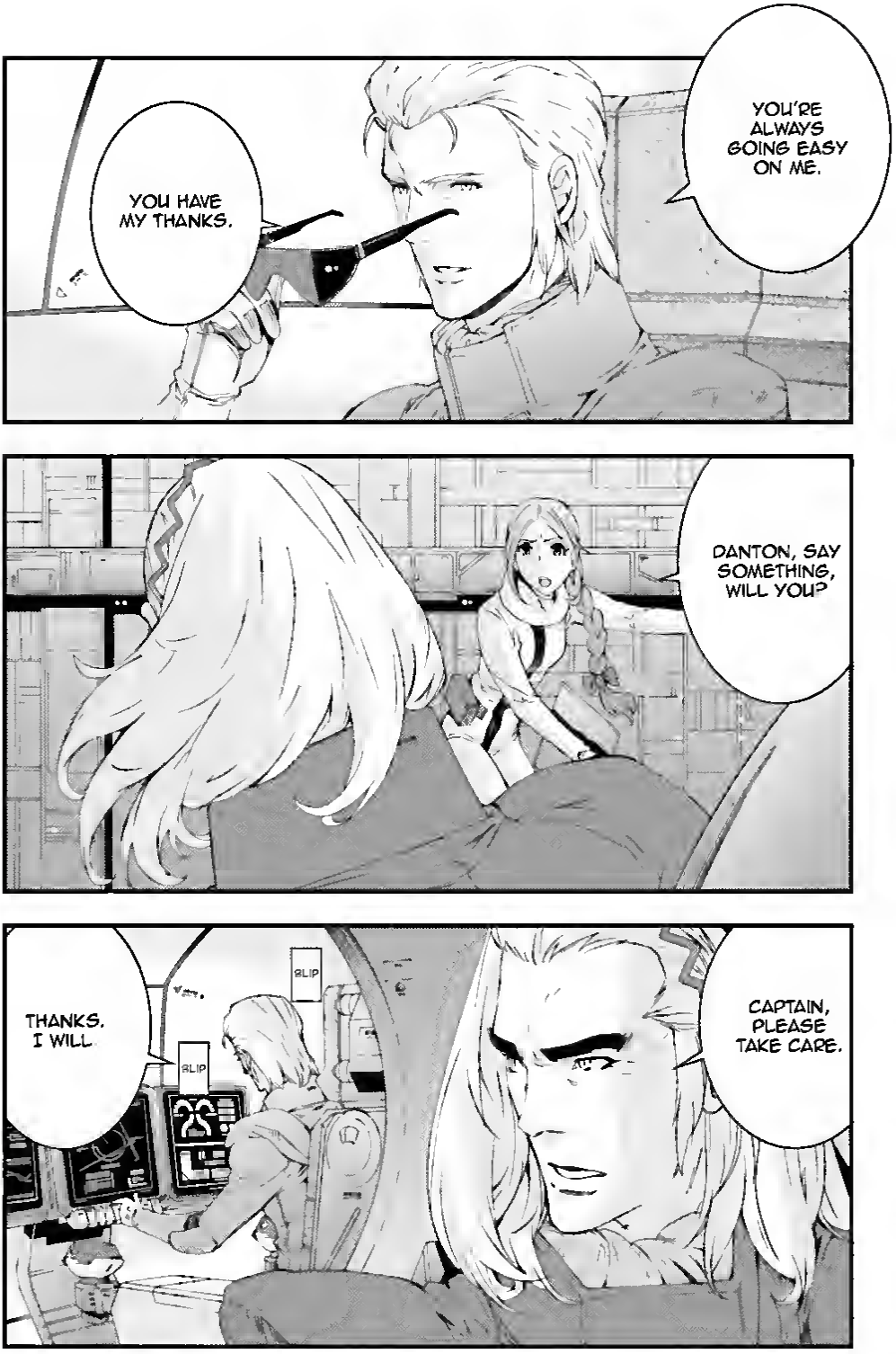
SFX: PSHEUW


WELL WHAT DO I DO NOW?
THAT CAN'T BE GOOD.
I WONDER WHAT THAT ...
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE EXERCISES.
IT'D BE AWESOME IF FSS IS OUT THERE THOUGH.
THE MOMENT I SEND A TRANSMISSION OR EVEN MOVE.
THEY'LL SPOT ME FOR SURE.
...

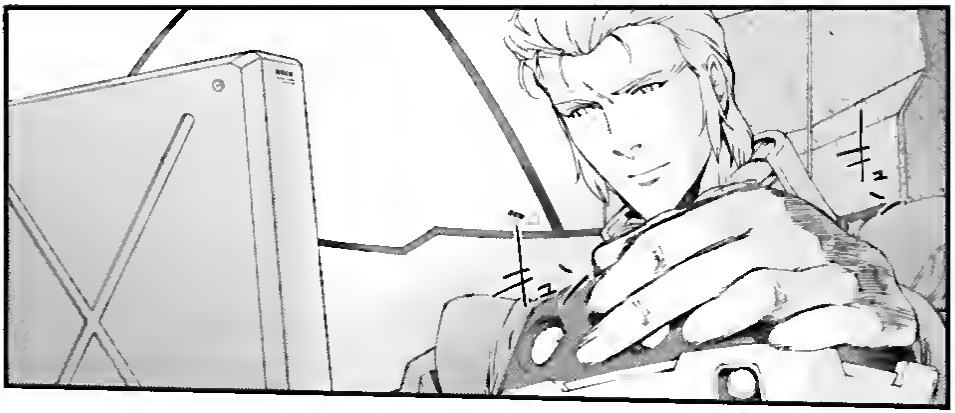

ONE WRONG BUTTON AND I MIGHT SEND SOMETHING BY ACCIDENT..
WELL CRAP, I REALLY HAVE NO CLUE.

UHM
MANUAL, WHERE'S THE MANUAL...
I SHOULD'VE TAKEN A LECTURE ON ZANZIBARS TOO

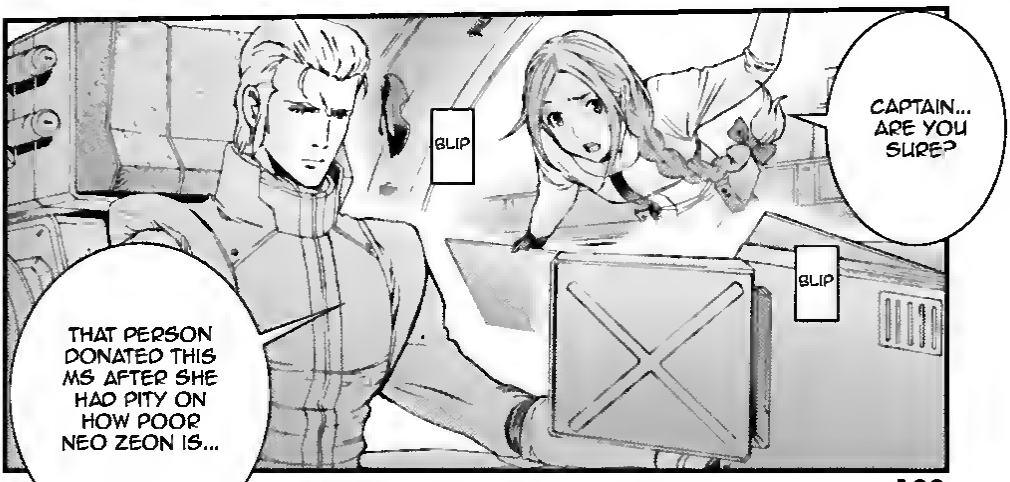
THINK ABOUT YOUR CHARACTER AND YOUR POSITION...
BLIP
DO YOU UNDERSTAND, CAPTAIN?
BLIP
I LIKE HOW YOU STILL REFER TO ME LIKE YOU DID IN THE OLD DAYS.
BLIP
OH I KNOW, PAINFULLY WELL.
BLIP
DOES THAT MEAN I CAN STILL SOMEHOW MAKE IT UP TO YOU, ARLETTE?
IT WON'T WORK ON ME.
PLEASE STOP WITH THE THEATRICS.

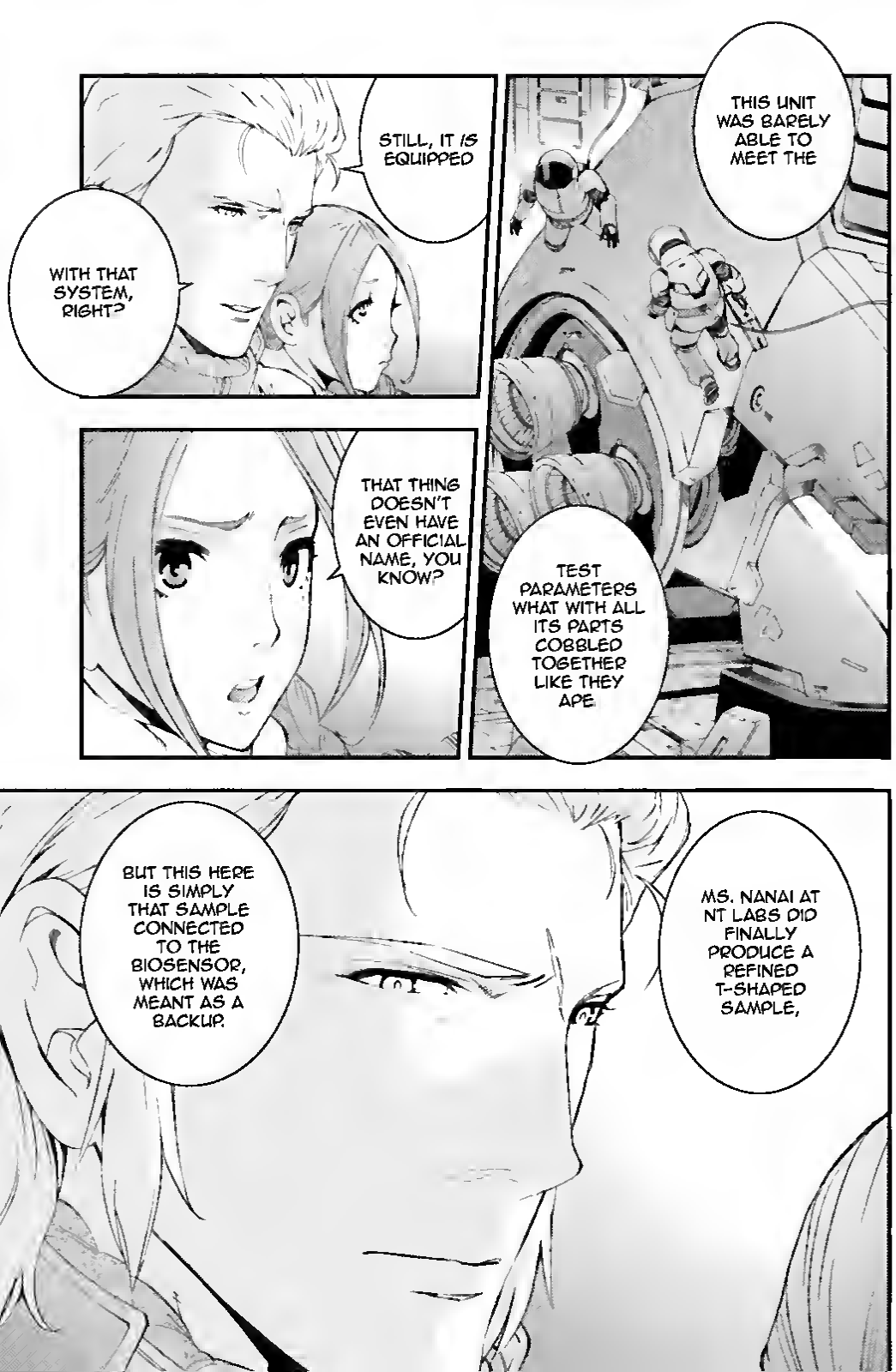

YOU'RE ALWAYS GOING EASY ON ME.
YOU HAVE MY THANKS.
DANTON, SAY SOMETHING, WILL YOU?
CAPTAIN, PLEASE TAKE CARE.
SLIP
SLIP
THANKS. I WILL

SFX: SLAP SLAP
OW!
DANTON!
AT THIS POINT, NOTHING ANYONE SAYS WILL CONVINCE HIM.
YOU KNOW THAT ALREADY.
BLIP
YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO MY FITTER PILOT.
HE'S JUST GIVEN UP ON YOU!
HE UNDER-STANDS ME WELL.
BLIP


SFX: FLICK FLICK

NOT BAD AT ALL.
SFX: FLICK FLICK

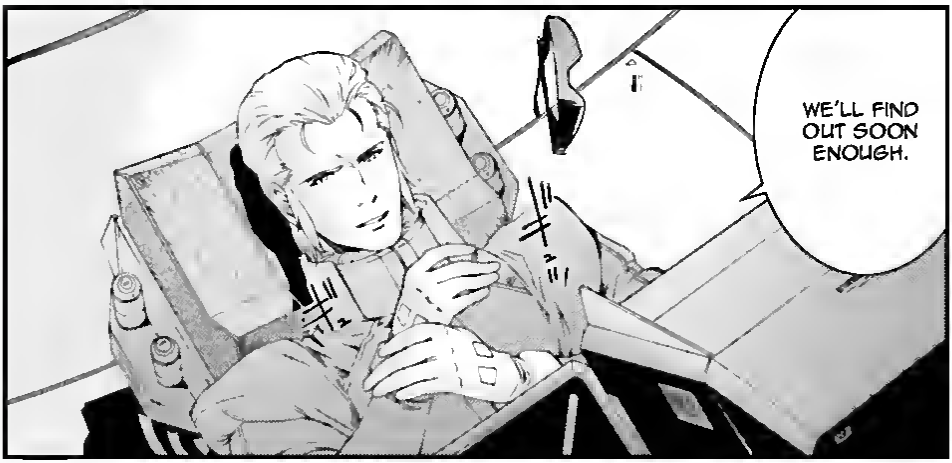

BLIP
BLIP
CAPTAIN... ARE YOU SURE?
THAT PERSON DONATED THIS MS AFTER SHE HAD PITY ON HOW POOR NEO ZEON IS...


THIS UNIT WAS BARELY ABLE TO MEET THE
TEST PARAMETERS WHAT WITH ALL ITS PARTS COBBLED TOGETHER LIKE THEY ARE
STILL, IT IS EQUIPPED
WITH THAT SYSTEM, RIGHT?
THAT THING DOESN'T EVEN HAVE AN OFFICIAL NAME, YOU KNOW?
MS. NANAI AT NT LABS DID FINALLY PRODUCE A REFINED T-SHAPED SAMPLE,
BUT THIS HERE IS SIMPLY THAT SAMPLE CONNECTED TO THE BIOSENSOR, WHICH WAS MEANT AS A BACKUP.

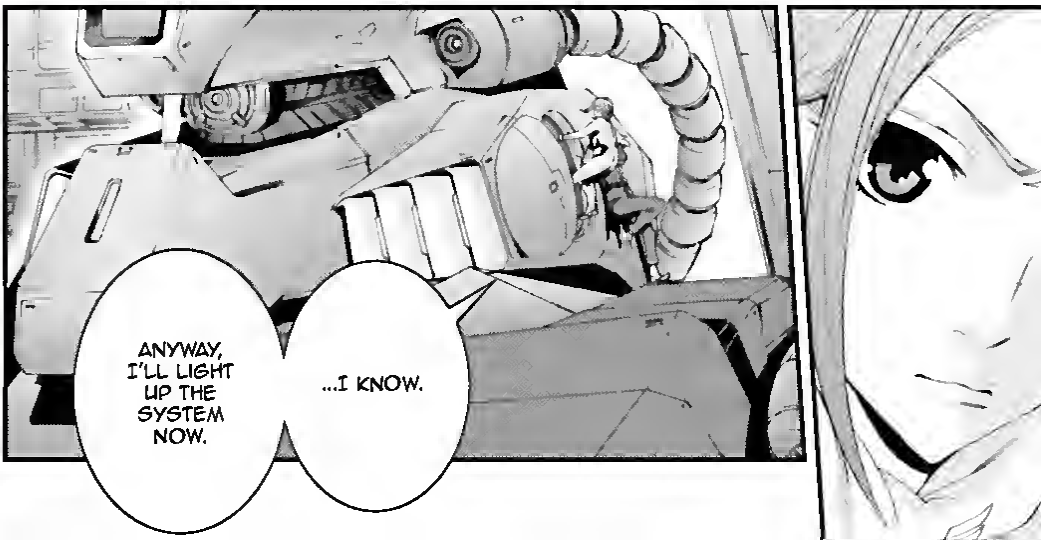
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF IT WILL WORK.
THAT'S FINE.
BLIP
THAT'S WHAT TESTS ARE FOR.
AND TEST PILOTS PERFORM TESTS, LAST TIME I HEARD.
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE LETTING THE SUPREME COMMANDER TEST IT.
IT'S AS YOU SAID.
NEO ZEON IS POOR THESE DAYS.
SOMETIMES THE SUPREME COMMANDER HAS TO TEST THINGS HIMSELF TOO.
BLIP
BLIP

SORRY, OLD HABITS DIE HARD.
EVER SINCE WE MET, YOU'VE BEEN SAYING THINGS LIKE THAT...
I'M SURE YOU KNOW ALREADY CAPTAIN, BUT
...
THAT OF THE QUBELEY.
IN THEORY, ITS PSYCOMMU DENSITY IS ABOUT 1000 TIMES
PSYCOMMU ELEMENTS HAVE BEEN SYNTHESIZED INTO IT AT THE ATOMIC LEVEL.
THE SEAT YOU'RE SITTING HAS A NEW METALLIC MATERIAL IN IT.
AMAZING...
BLIP
BLIP

BACKFLOW PREVENTION FILTER
I CAN'T GUARANTEE ITS EFFECTIVE-NESS EITHER...
AS A PRECAUTION, IT HAS A BACKFLOW PREVENTION FILTER, BUT
BUT THAT MEANS THE FEEDBACK IS MORE INTENSE.


WE'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH.

SFX: TUG TUG

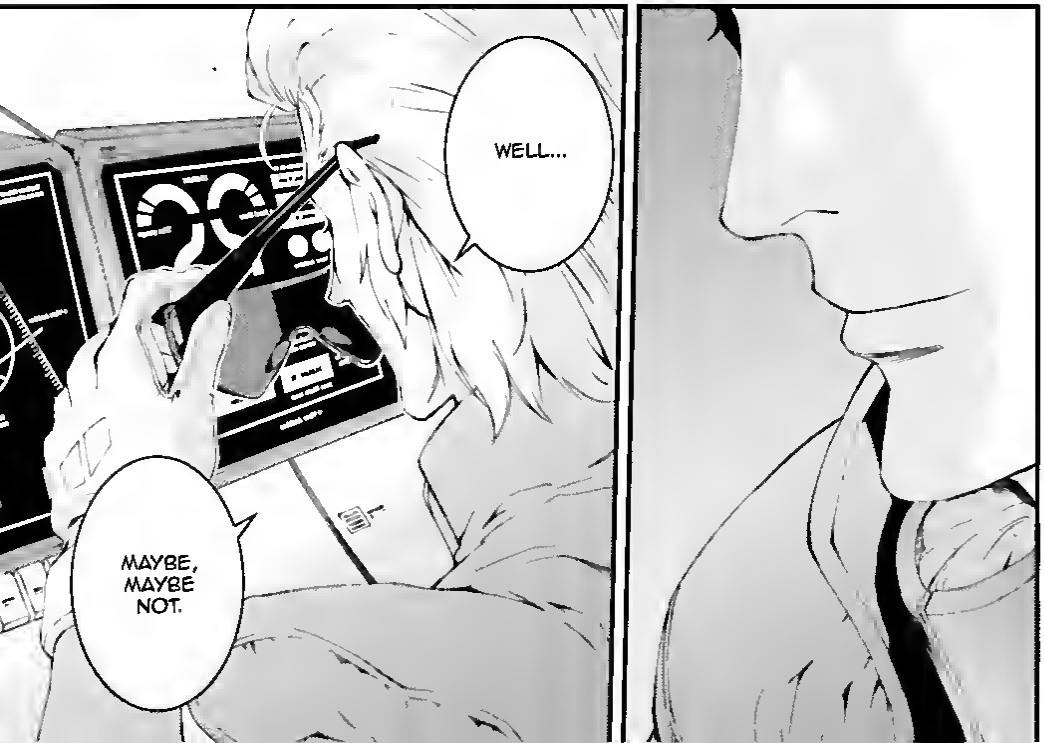

ANYWAY, I'LL LIGHT UP THE SYSTEM NOW.
...I KNOW.

IF YOU GET A HEADACHE, PLEASE ABORT AT ONCE. OK?
RIGHT, GOT IT.
SFX: PSHEUW
HAVE I EVER
IGNORED THE OPINIONS OF MY FITTING TEAM?
I'LL BE MAD IF YOU DO.
CAPTAIN.
...

YOU GUYS ARE BY ME, SAME AS ALWAYS.
I'M REALLY HAPPY
I'M SORRY I DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE DURING THE GRYPS CAMPAIGN.
YOU TOO CAPTAIN.. ARE THE SAME AS ALWAYS.
I
IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER IF YOU'D HAVE JUST STAYED MISSING.
THOUGHT SO TOO..
BETTER FOR ARLETTE.

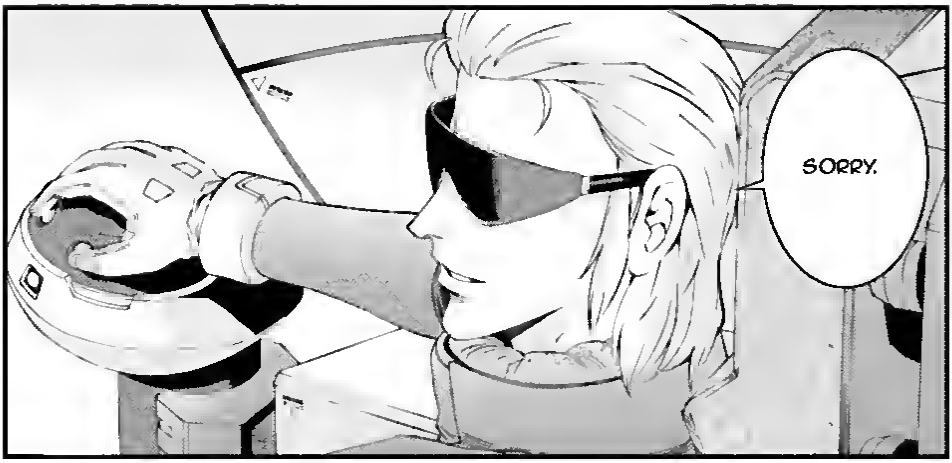
THERE'S NO MOVING FORWARD UNLESS CERTAIN THINGS ARE SETTLED...
BUT,

AMURO RAY?
YOU MEAN..


WELL...
MAYBE, MAYBE NOT.

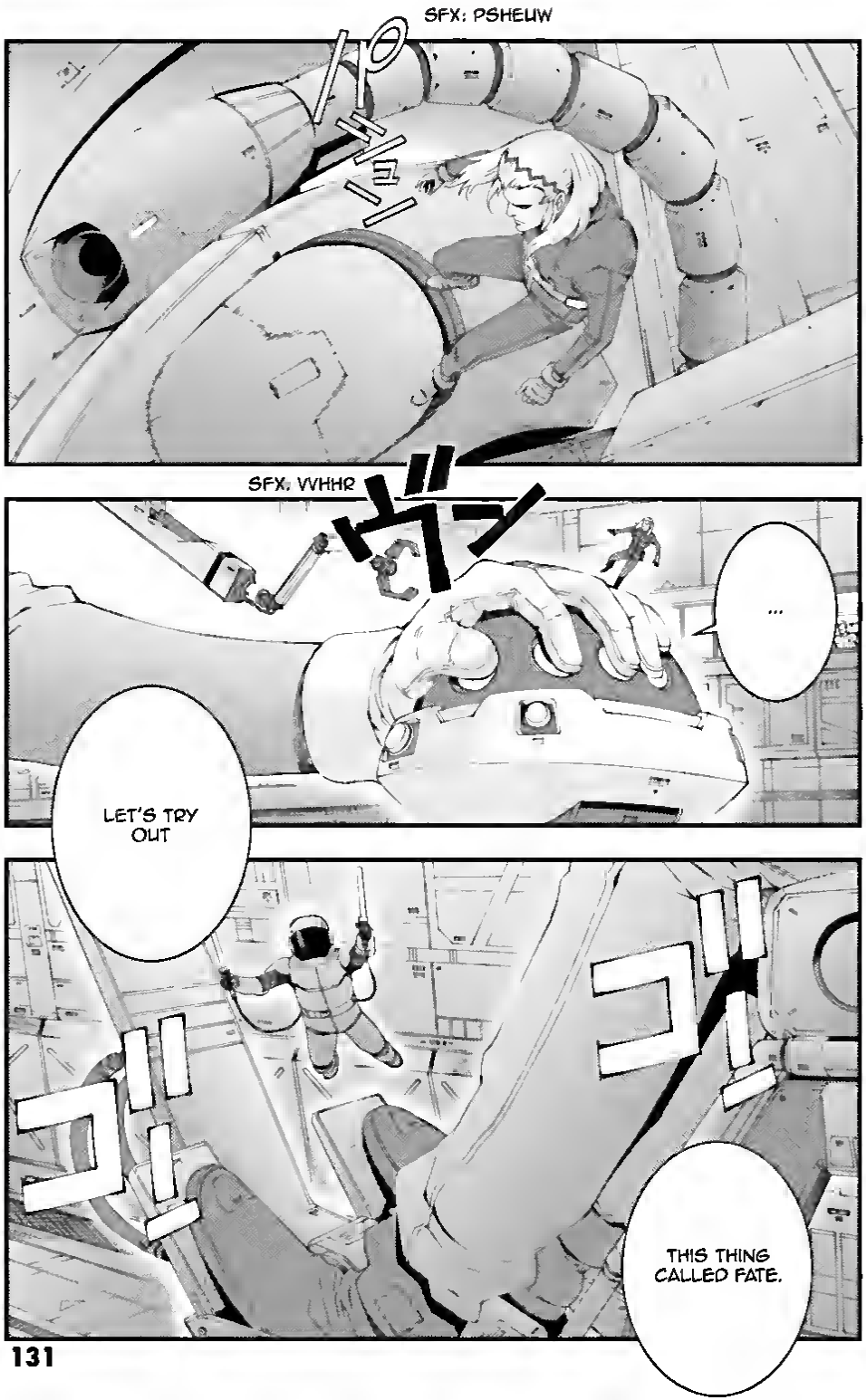
BLIP
BLIP
BLIP
BLIP
BLIP
BLIP

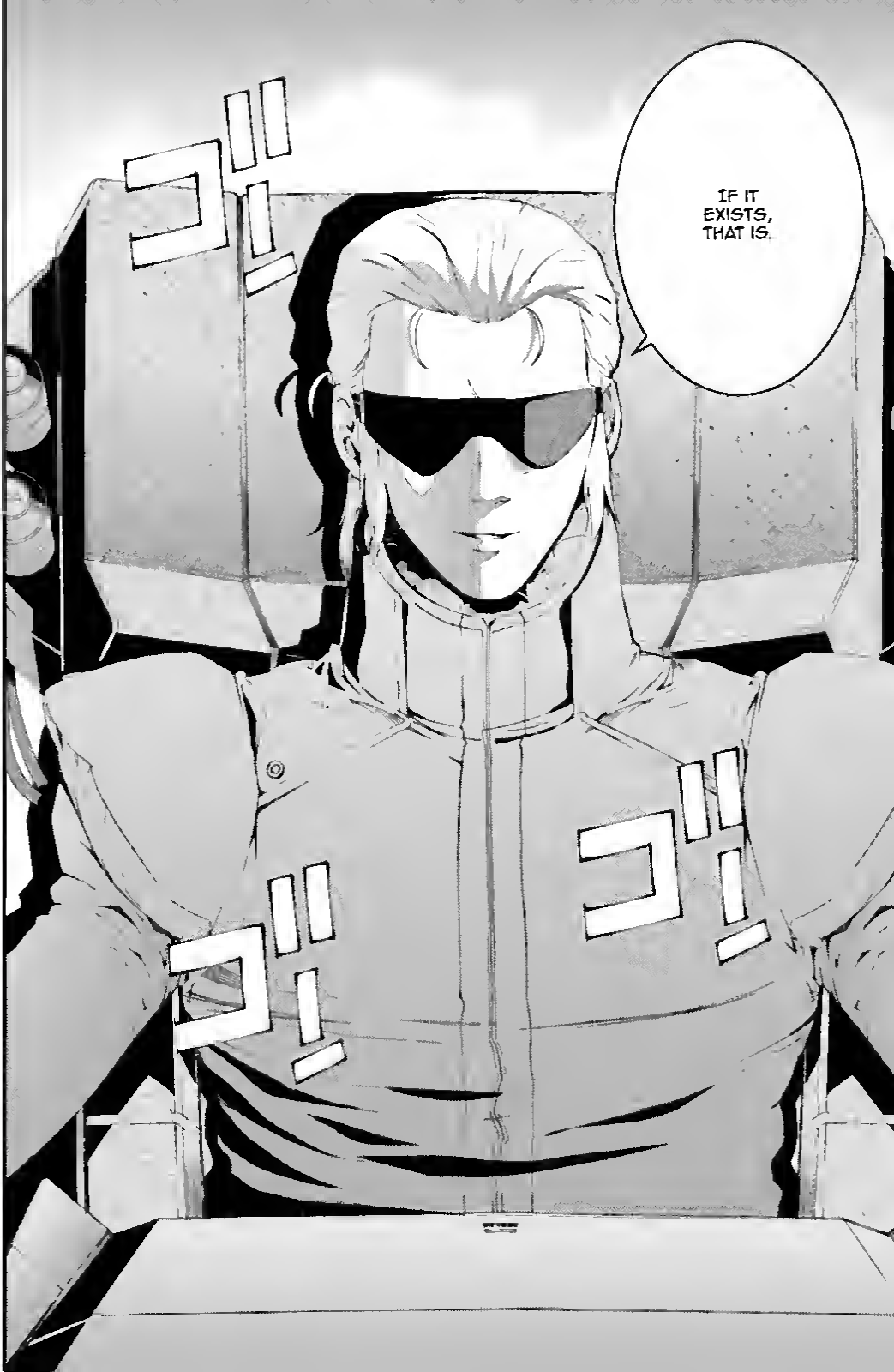
SFX: GRAB


SORRY.

PLEASE
TELL THAT TO ARLETTE.

CAPTAIN. ARE YOU READY?
I'M ABOUT TO START THE SYSTEM UP.
ROGER. DO IT.


SFX: PSHEUW
SFX: VVHHR
...
LET'S TRY OUT
SFX: GONG GONG
THIS THING CALLED FATE.


IF IT EXISTS, THAT IS.

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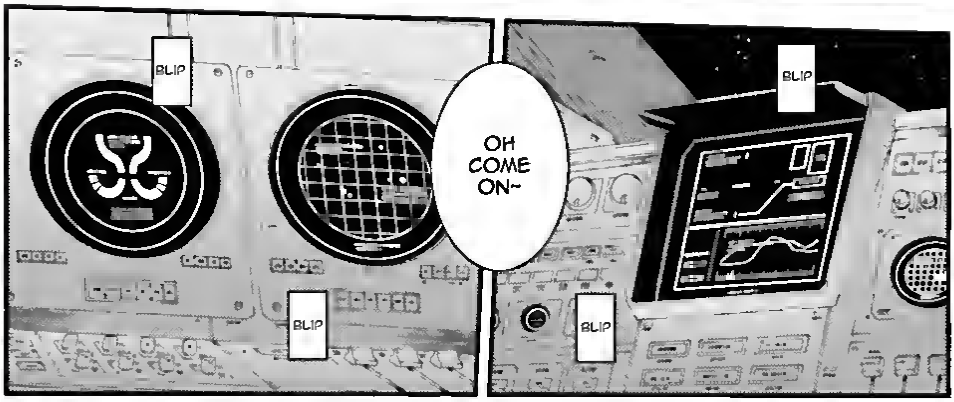
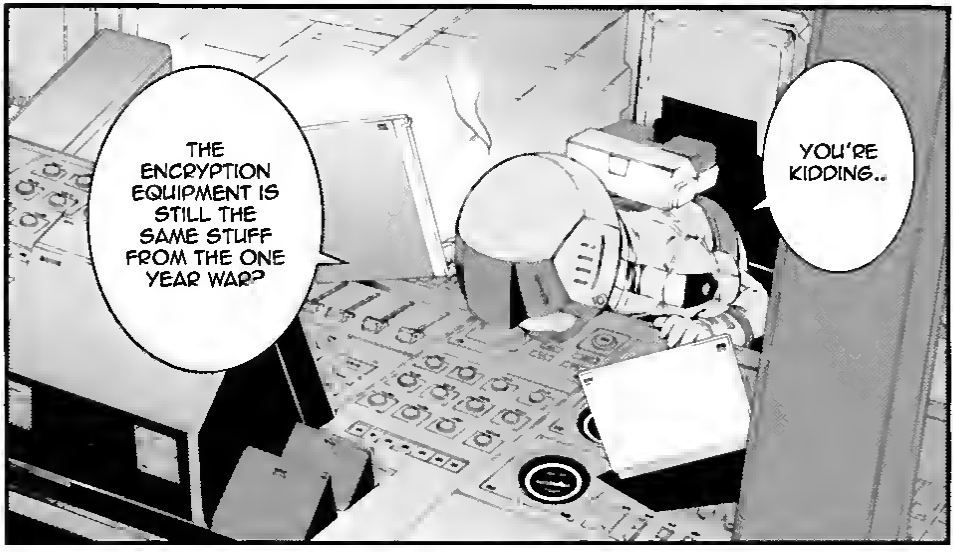
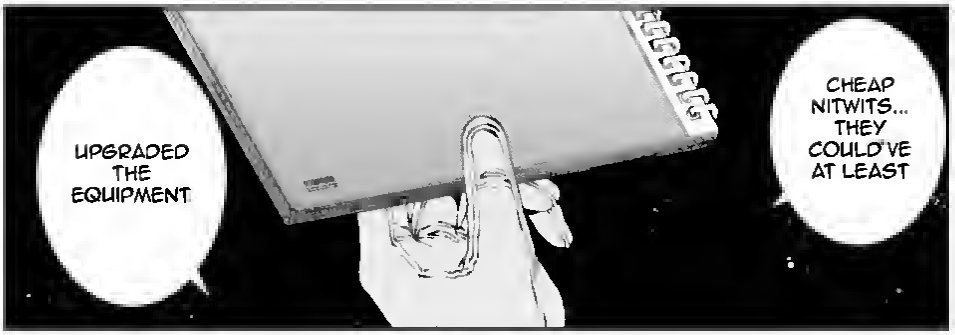
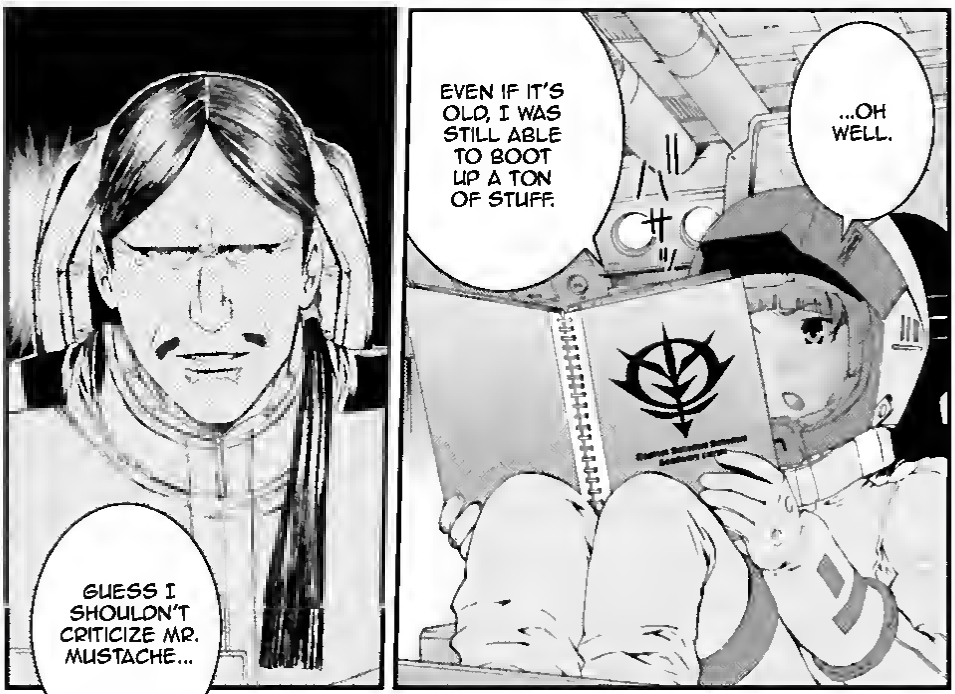
THE GOOD OLD DAYS

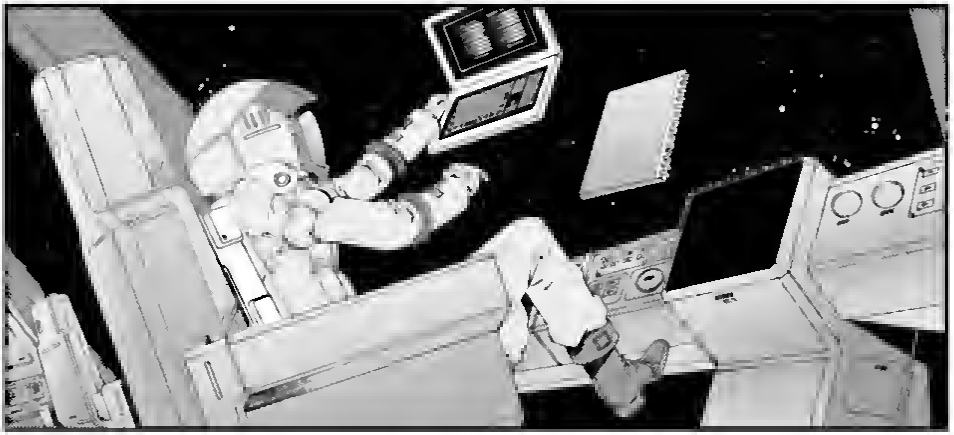

BLIP
BLIP
OH COME ON~
BLIP
BLIP

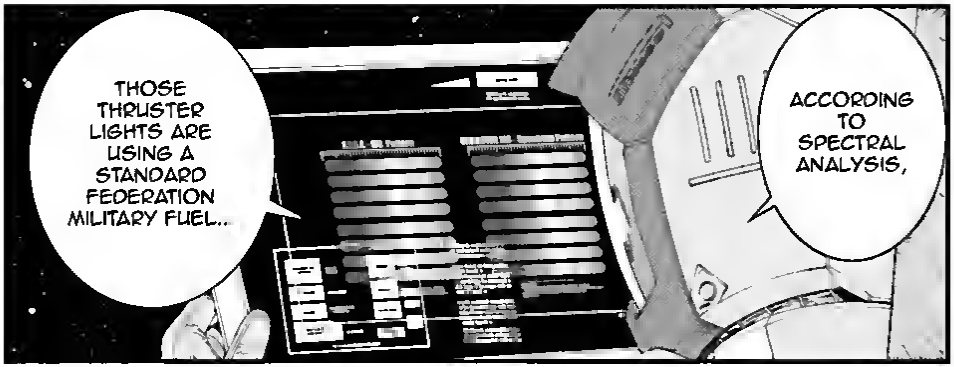

THE ENCRYPTION EQUIPMENT IS STILL THE SAME STUFF FROM THE ONE YEAR WAR?
YOU'RE KIDDING..

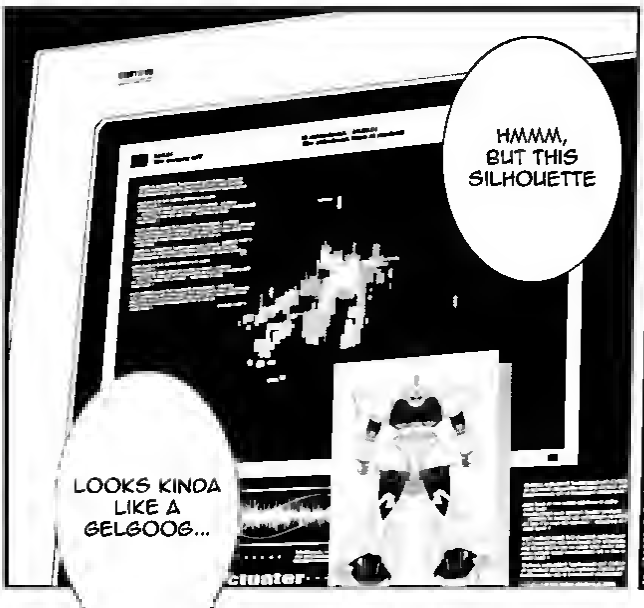
EVEN IF THAT'S AN FSS FLEET
THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN HEAR MY TRANSMISSIONS, OR EVEN READ MY IFF.

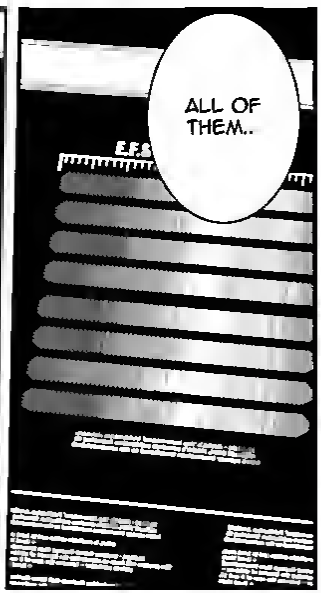

CHEAP NITWITS... THEY COULD'VE AT LEAST
UPGRADED THE EQUIPMENT.

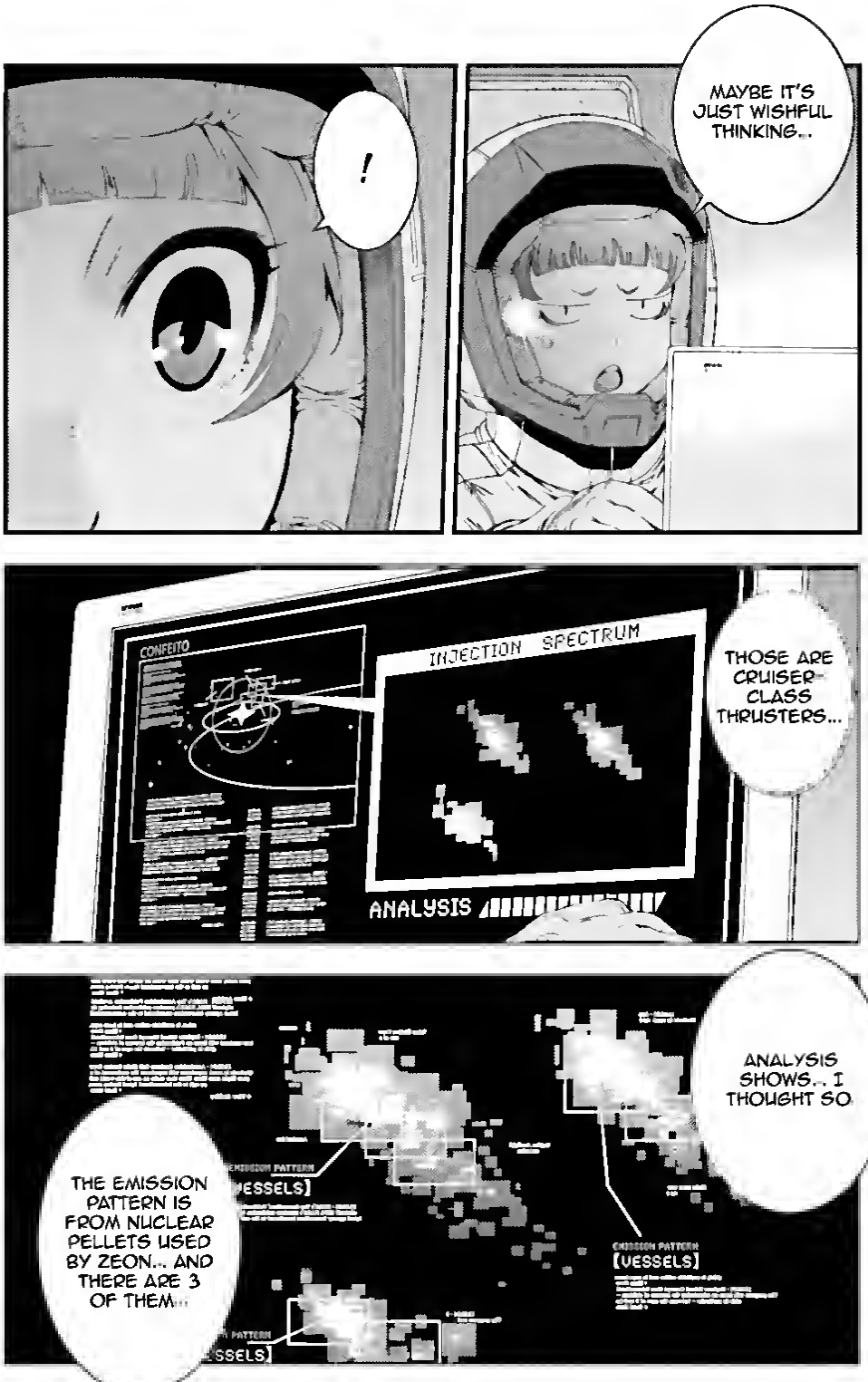

...OH WELL.
EVEN IF IT'S OLD, I WAS STILL ABLE TO BOOT UP A TON OF STUFF.
GUESS I SHOULDN'T CRITICIZE MR. MUSTACHE...




THOSE THRUSTER LIGHTS ARE USING A STANDARD FEDERATION MILITARY FUEL..
ACCORDING TO SPECTRAL ANALYSIS,


HMMM, BUT THIS SILHOUETTE
LOOKS KINDA LIKE A GELGOOG...


ALL OF THEM..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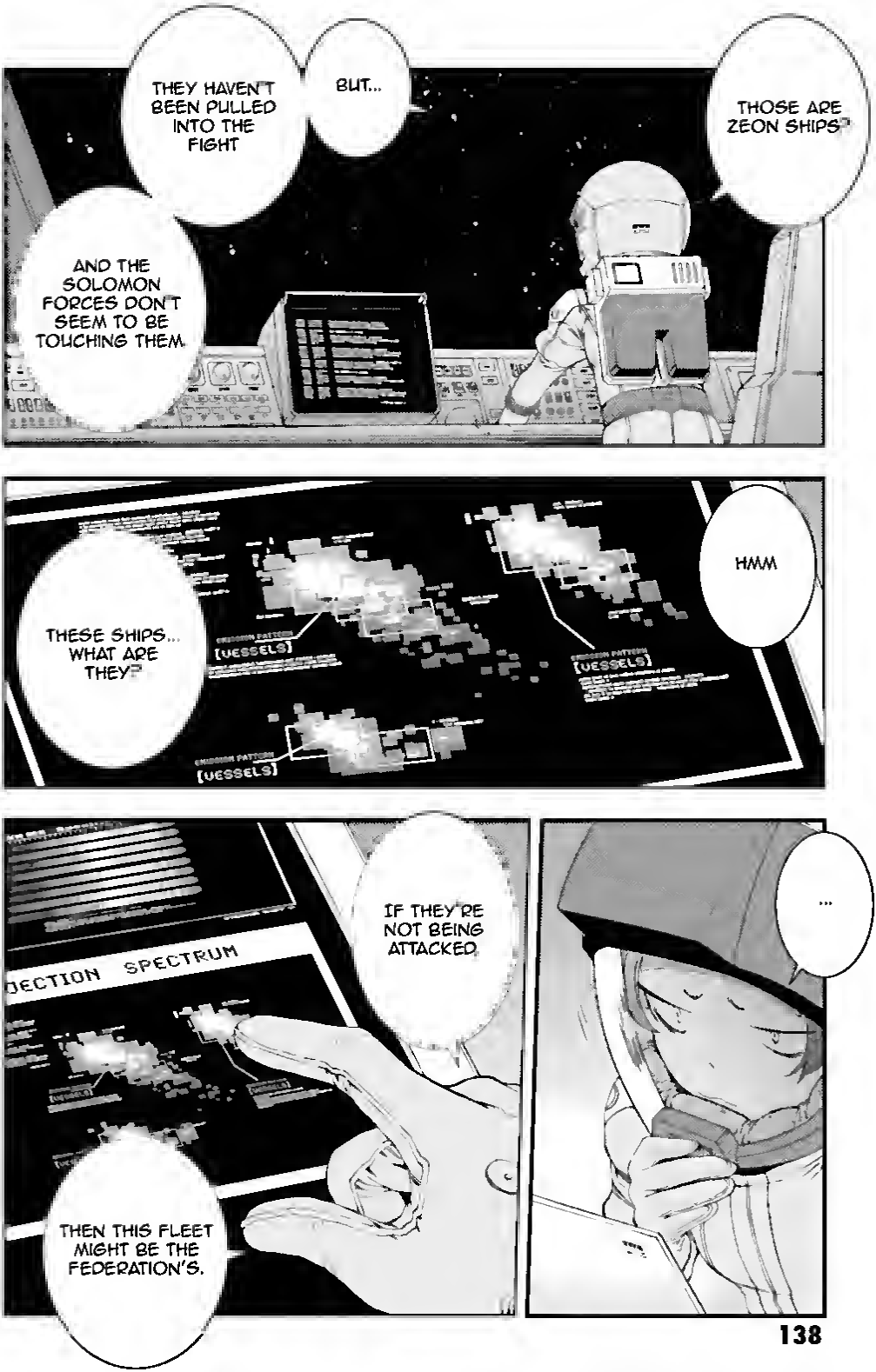
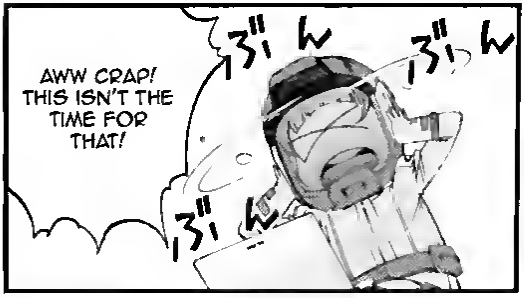
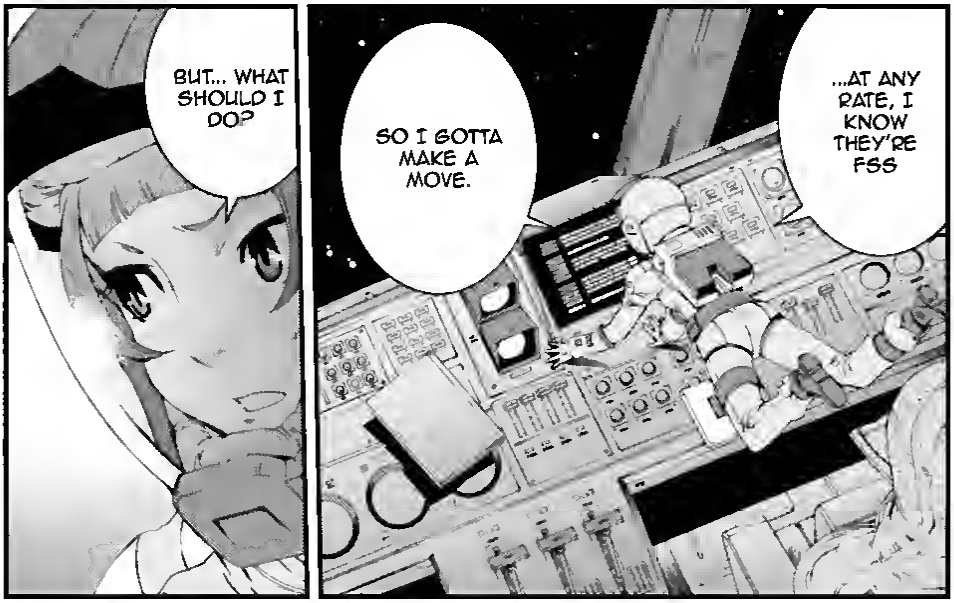
MAYBE IT'S JUST WISHFUL THINKING...
CONFEITO
INJECTION SPECTRUM
ANALYSIS
THOSE ARE CRUISER-CLASS THRUSTERS...
ANALYSIS SHOWS.. I THOUGHT SO.
THE EMISSION PATTERN IS FROM NUCLEAR PELLETS USED BY ZEON... AND THERE ARE 3 OF THEM...
EMISSION PATTERN
【VESSELS】


THEY HAVEN'T BEEN PULLED INTO THE FIGHT
BUT...
THOSE ARE ZEON SHIPS?
AND THE SOLOMON FORCES DON'T SEEM TO BE TOUCHING THEM.
THESE SHIPS... WHAT ARE THEY?
HMM
[VESSELS]
[VESSELS]
[VESSELS]
DECTION SPECTRUM
IF THEY'RE NOT BEING ATTACKED
THEN THIS FLEET MIGHT BE THE FEDERATION'S.
...

I CAN ONLY READ THE IFF SIGNAL
IFF SIGNAL
RADIO TRANSMISSION
FROM THIS FLEET...
BEEP
HUH?
SFX. TAKA TAKA
UUUHM...
I WONDER IF THEIR EQUIPMENT IS OLD.
SFX. BEEEEEP
IFF-SIGNAL
【FEDERATION SURVEY SERVICE】
!

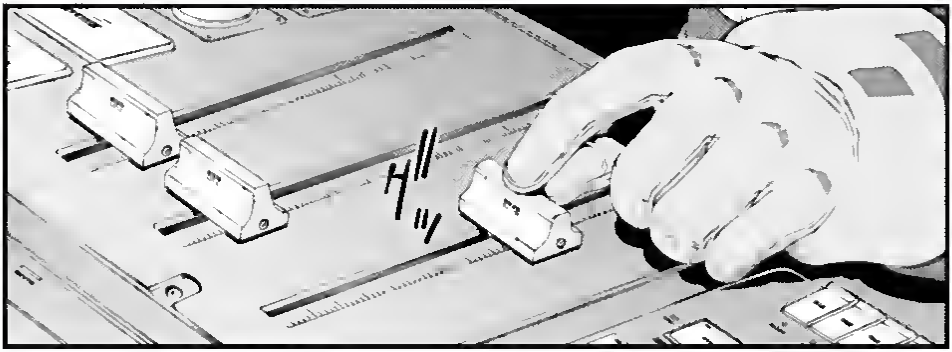
SFX. SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

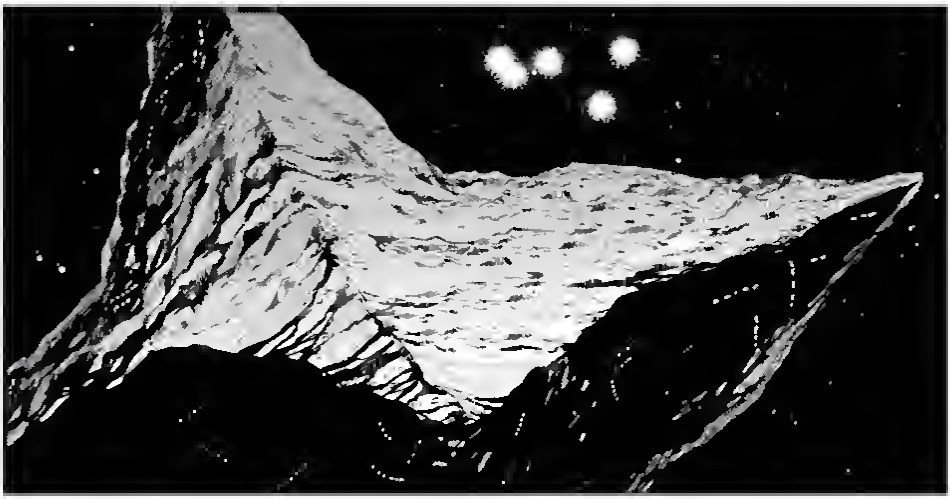


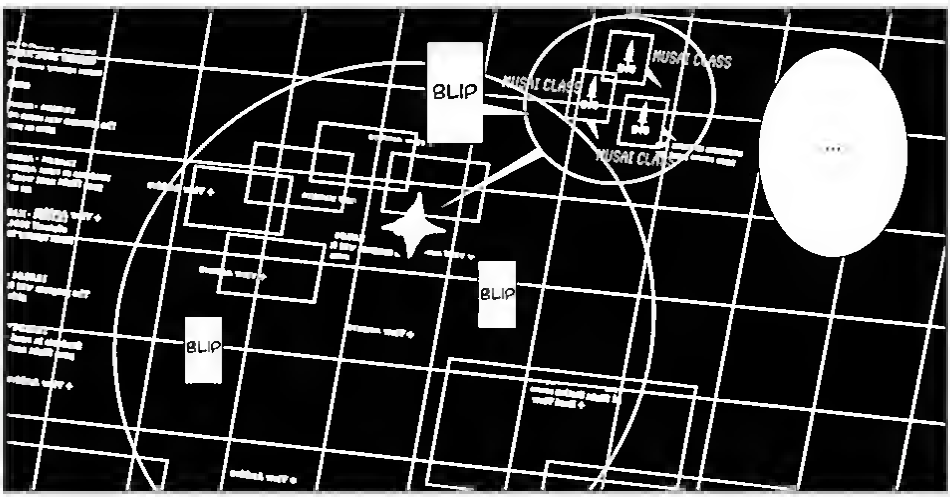


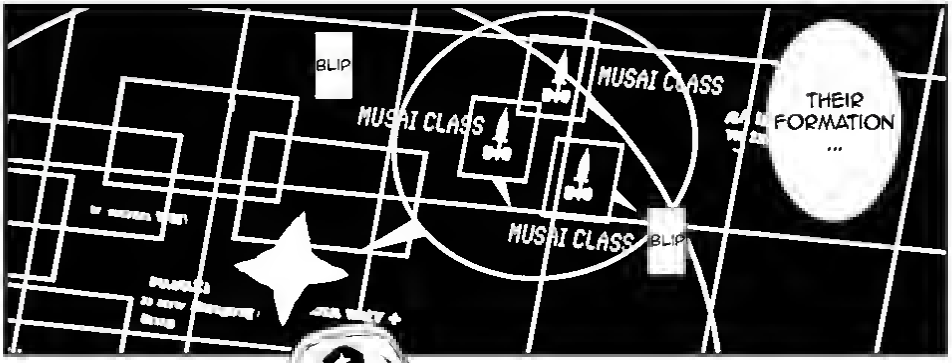
PROBABLY
THEY'RE FIGHTING OVER THIS ZANZIBAR
...WAIT A SEC...
THE EQUIPMENT IS OLD...?
IT'S RISKY, BUT IT MIGHT BE WORTH TRYING...
GOTTA GET THIS READY

SFX:
PINCH





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MUSAI CLASS
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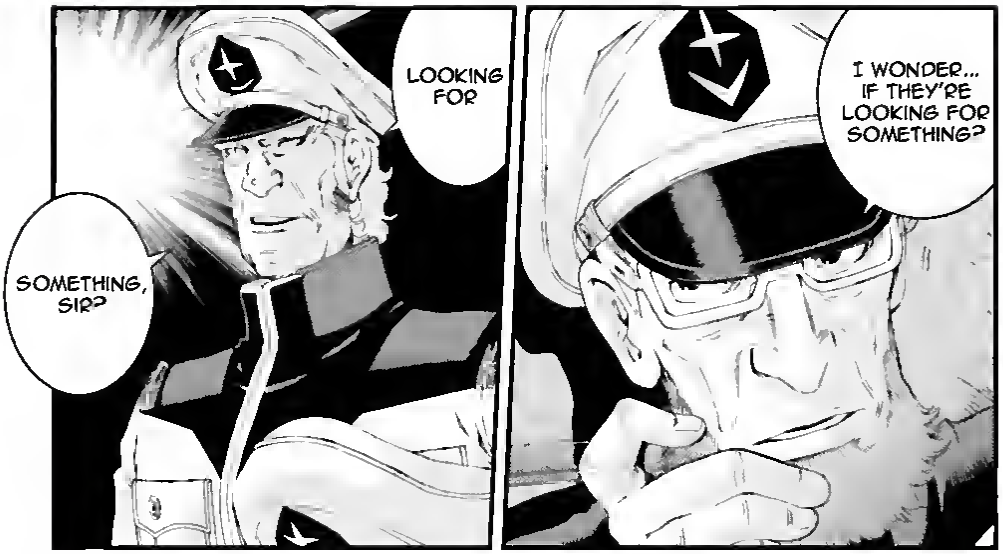
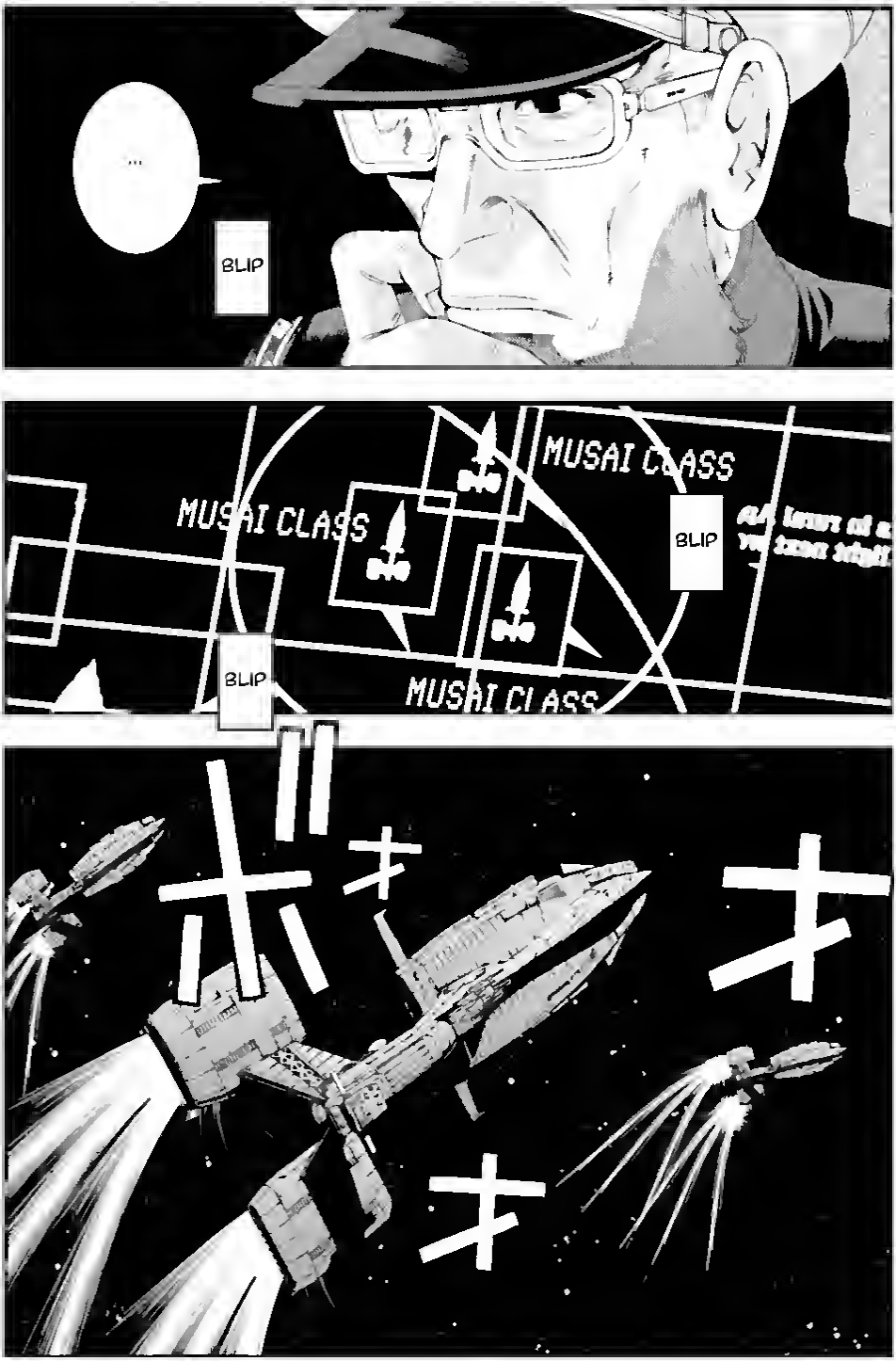
THEIR FORMATION ...

...THE FSS MUSAI GROUP IS RETREATING FROM THE BATTLEFIELD
AND HAVE WIDENED THEIR FORMATION, SIR.


I WONDER... IF THEY'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?
LOOKING FOR
SOMETHING, SIR?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SFX: FWOO

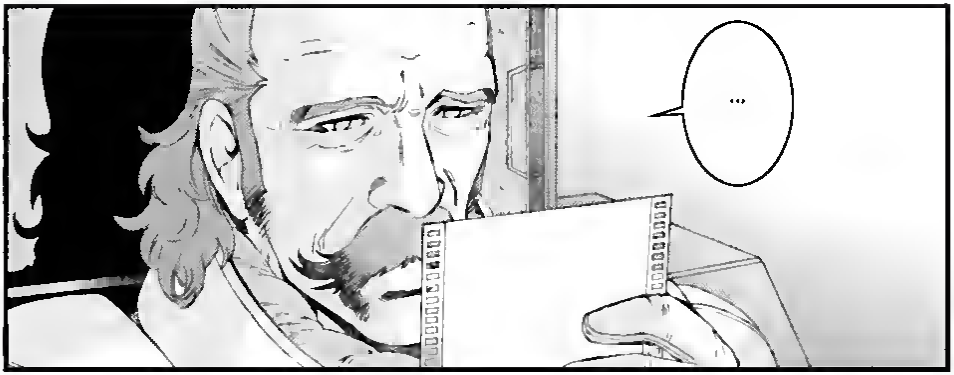
WHAT'S THIS...
HM?
I'VE INTERCEPTED A SIGNAL FROM AN OLD FREQUENCY...
UHM... SIR,
GOT SOME-THING?
TAKE A LOOK.
AN OLD FREQUENCY?
WHAT?

IT WAS SENT OVER AN OLD FREQUENCY USED BY THE ZEON MILITARY FOR ENCRYPTED SIGNALS.
ONE FROM THE WAR FOR INDEPEN-DENCE...
WHAT... IS THIS...
I'D SENT ENOUGH OF THESE TO GIVE ME A HEADACHE MYSELF.
I CAN SEE THAT.
YES SIR, JUST ABOUT DONE.
WHAT ARE THE CONTENTS? DID YOU DECYPHER IT?

IT SAYS "RIMIA
HERE NOW"...

ACCORDING TO THE LOG, WAS BEING BROADCASTED
EVERY 5 SECONDS 5 MINUTES AGO.

WHAT IS IT?
IT'S... WE'VE INTERCEPTED THIS.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IT'S OUTPUT WAS WEAK.
IN DENSE MINOVSKY PARTICLES, IT WOULD GO NO MORE THAN 500M.

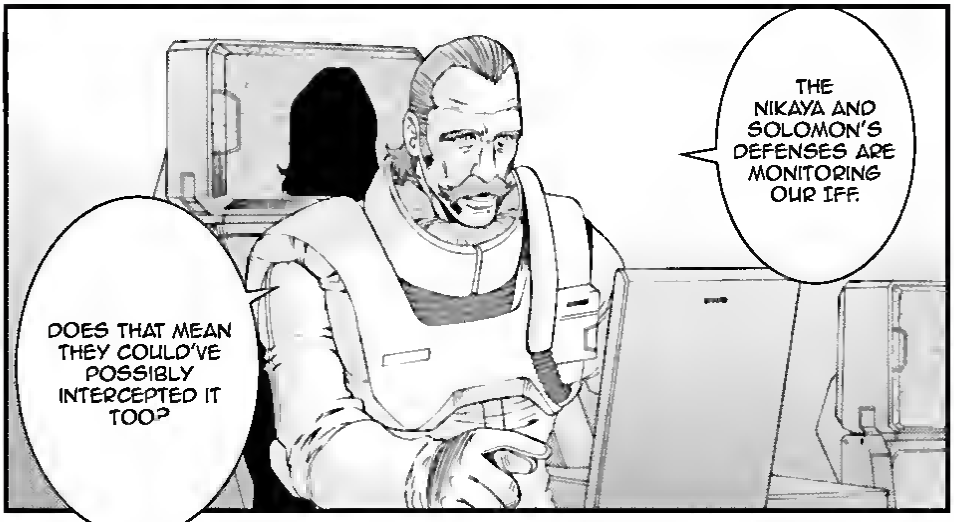
SINCE OUR GROUP WAS CRUISING JUST OUTSIDE THE PARTICLE-THICK AREA,
WE WERE ABLE TO CATCH IT

WE USED THIS FREQUENCY FOR ENCRYPTED SIGNALS DURING THE WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE.
AND THE FREQUENCY?
...
WE MAY HAVE FOUND HER
THEN...
DOES THAT MEAN..

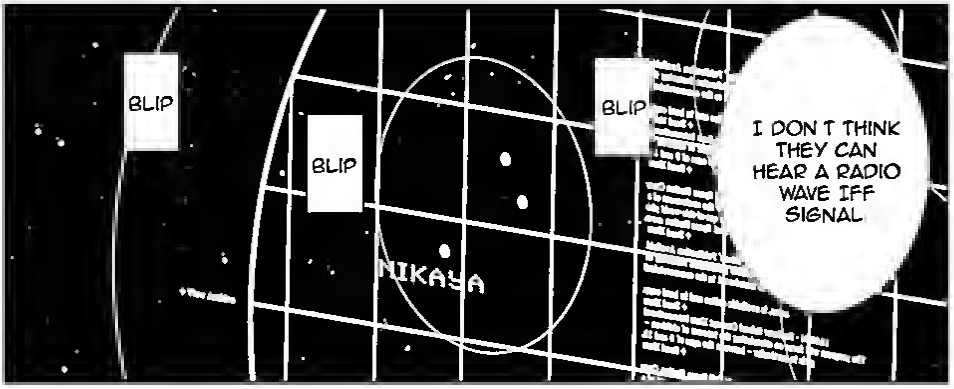
NO SIR.
OPERATOR! IS THERE ANY SIGN OTHERS HAVE PICKED UP THIS SIGNAL?
NOBODY ELSE CAN INTERCEPT IT.
THIS FREQUENCY IS CURRENTLY ALLOCATED TO COMMUNICATIONS RESEARCHERS.
RIGHT NOW... I DON'T THINK ANYBODY BESIDES US NOTICED THE SIGNAL.
SINCE I DON'T IMAGINE THERE ARE COMMUNICATIONS EXPERIMENTS PERFORMED HERE REGULARLY

IT MIGHT BE NOTICED IF IT KEEPS TRANSMITTING BUT,
OF COURSE,

WE USED THIS FOR RADIO WAVE IFF SIGNALS.
WE PICKED IT UP BECAUSE OUR EQUIPMENT IS OLD.
WE WERE... WELL OUR... PARDON ME SIR BUT,


DOES THAT MEAN THEY COULD'VE POSSIBLY INTERCEPTED IT TOO?
THE NIKAYA AND SOLOMON'S DEFENSES ARE MONITORING OUR IFF.

AND THEY'VE ALSO SWITCHED TO A LASER TRANSMISSION FOR THE IFF.
EARLIER, THE NIKAYA STARTED SPREADING PARTICLES APPROPRIATE FOR A BATTLE.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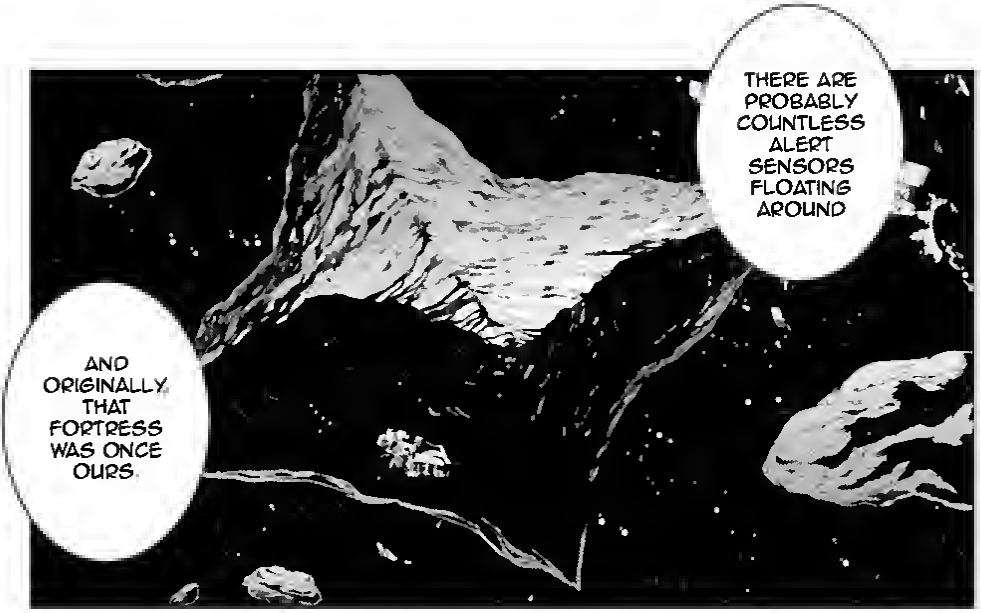
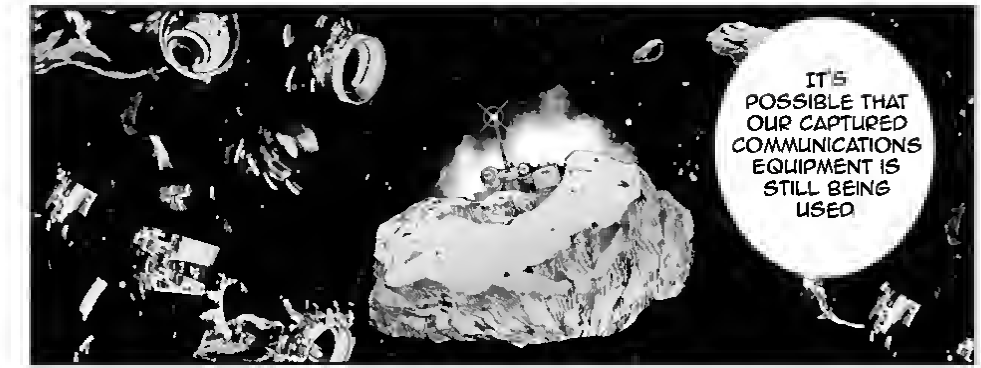
NIKAYA
I DON T THINK THEY CAN HEAR A RADIO WAVE IFF SIGNAL

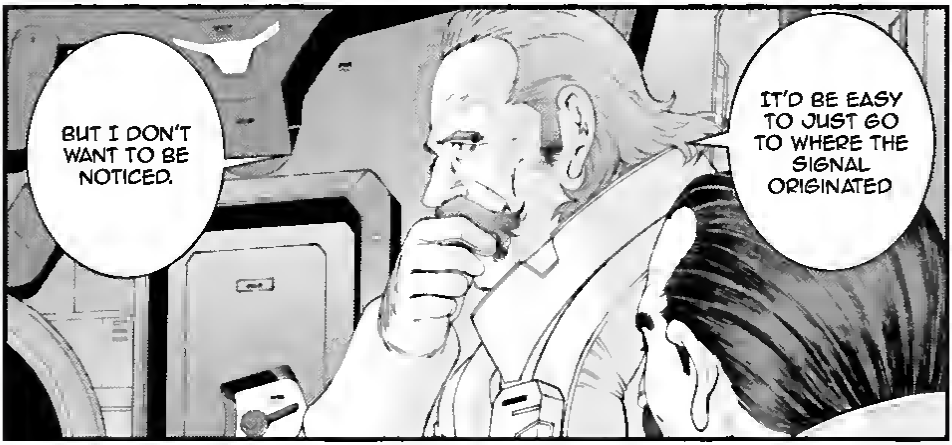
YES.
SOLOMON'S DEFENSES MAY HAVE DETECTED IT.
SO,

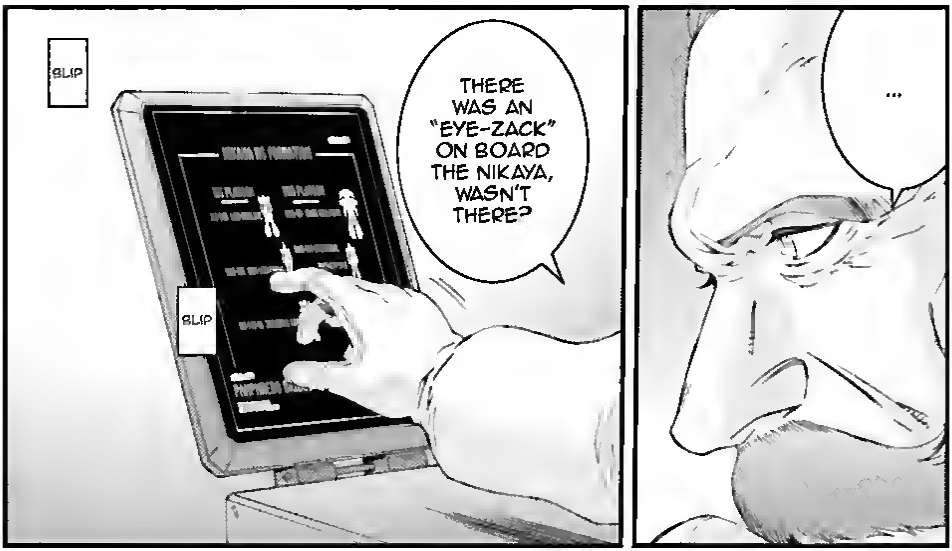

THERE ARE PROBABLY COUNTLESS ALERT SENSORS FLOATING AROUND
AND ORIGINALLY, THAT FORTRESS WAS ONCE OURS.


IT'S POSSIBLE THAT OUR CAPTURED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IS STILL BEING USED

IN ORDER TO KEEP TABS ON US AND OUR EXERCISE.
IT'S LIKELY THEY'RE CATCHING BOTH LASERS AND RADIO WAVES

WHAT SHOULD WE DO SIR?


IT'D BE EASY TO JUST GO TO WHERE THE SIGNAL ORIGINATED
BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE NOTICED.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THERE WAS AN "EYE-ZACK" ON BOARD THE NIKAYA, WASN'T THERE?
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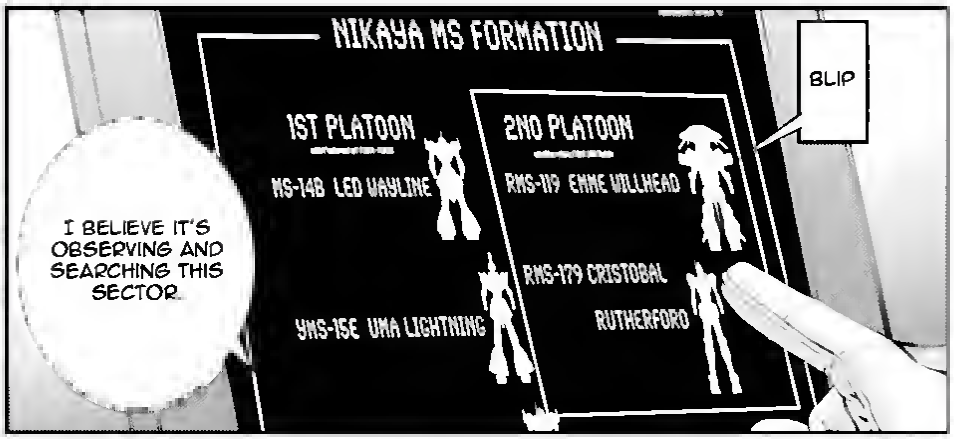
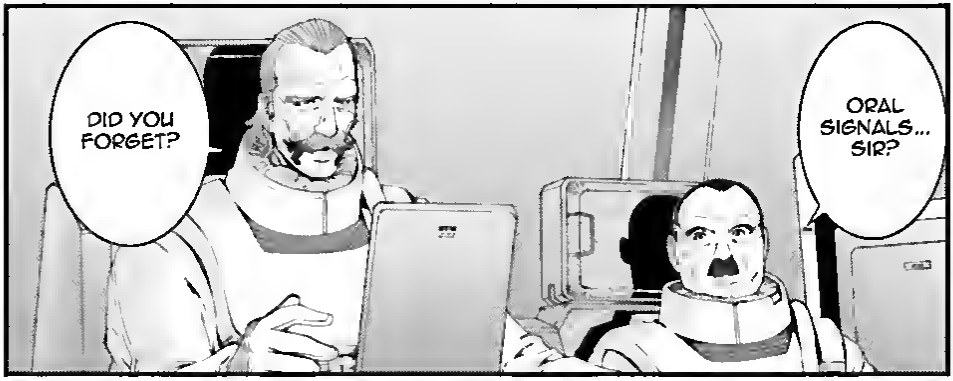
...


NIKAYA MS FORMATION
1ST PLATOON
MS-14B LED VAYLINE
YMS-15E UMA LIGHTNING
2NO PLATOON
RMS-119 EMME VILLHEAD
RMS-179 CRISTOBAL RUTHERFORD
BLIP
I BELIEVE IT'S OBSERVING AND SEARCHING THIS SECTOR.

ANY SIGNALS MIGHT BE CAUGHT BY OTHER FEDERATION INDIVIDUALS.
BUT, THAT EYE-ZACK IS USING FEDERATION COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY THE FSS.

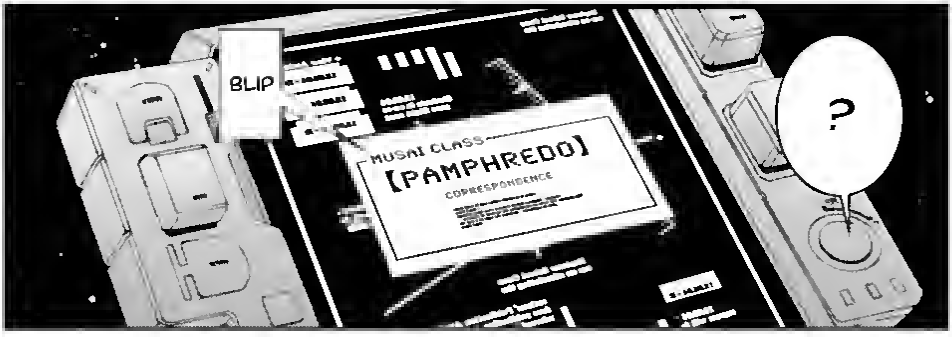
WE'LL BE FINE.
LET'S JUST USE AN EVEN OLDER ENCRYPTION METHOD.

WE'LL USE "ORAL SIGNALS."


DID YOU FORGET?
ORAL SIGNALS... SIR?

RMS-119 EMME WILLHEAD
RMS-179 CRISTOBAL
THESE LADS

ARE CHIMAERA.
A...
AAAH!
OPERATOR!
READY AN EMERGENCY TRANSMISSION!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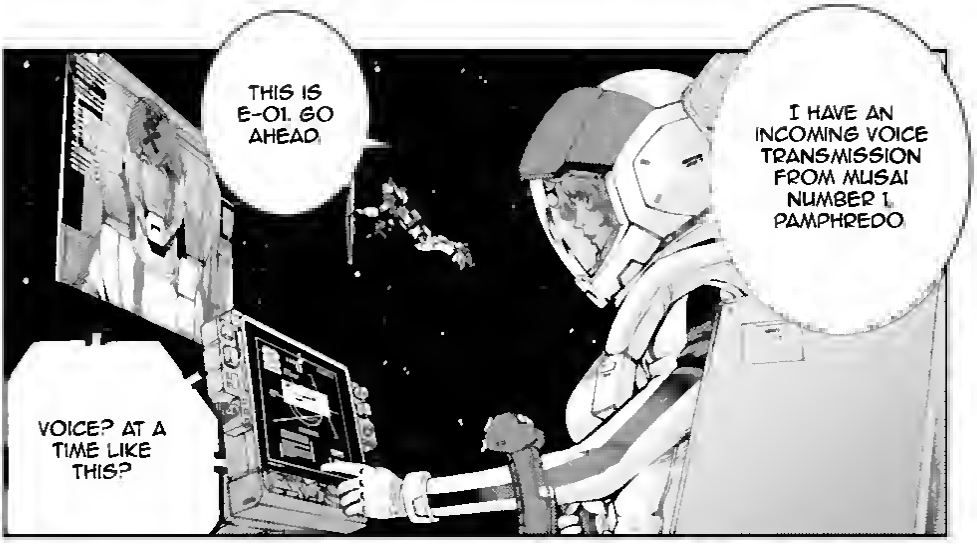
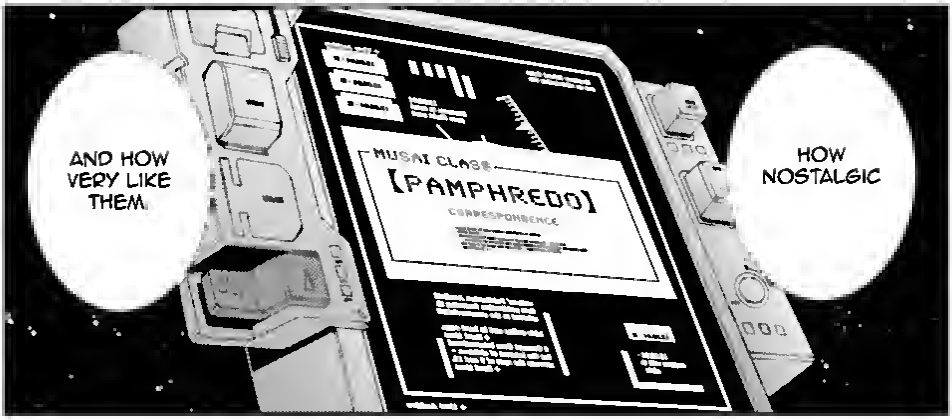
MUSAI CLASS
【PAMPHREDO】
CORRESPONDENCE
?

NOW.. WHAT MIGHT THIS BE?
WHAT'S UP?

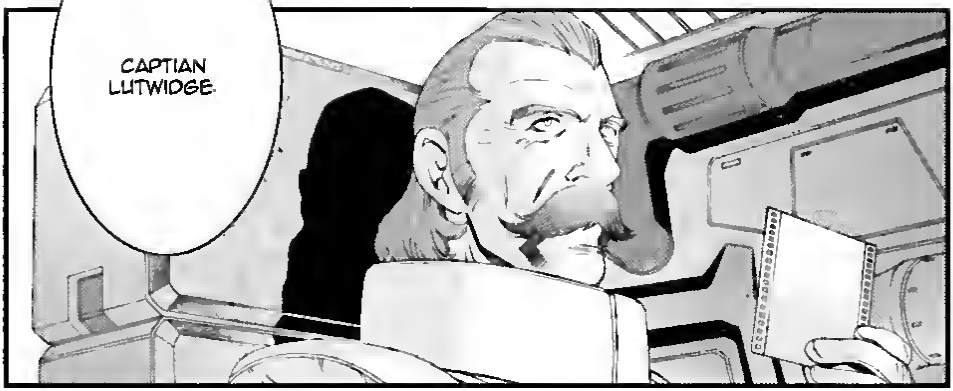

THIS IS E-01. GO AHEAD.
I HAVE AN INCOMING VOICE TRANSMISSION FROM MUSAI NUMBER 1, PAMPHREDO.
VOICE? AT A TIME LIKE THIS?

ROGER THAT. THANK YOU PAMPHREDO.
...YES, RIGHT.

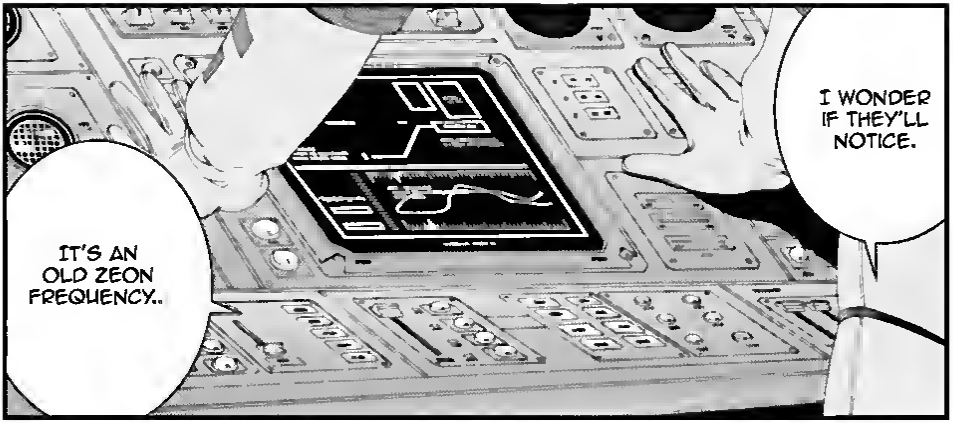
THE WIND... WILL SOON BLOW...
ISN'T THAT AN ORAL SIGNAL USED BY THE ZEON MILITARY?
WHAT WERE THEY SAYING?
"THE WIND
WILL SOON BLOW..."

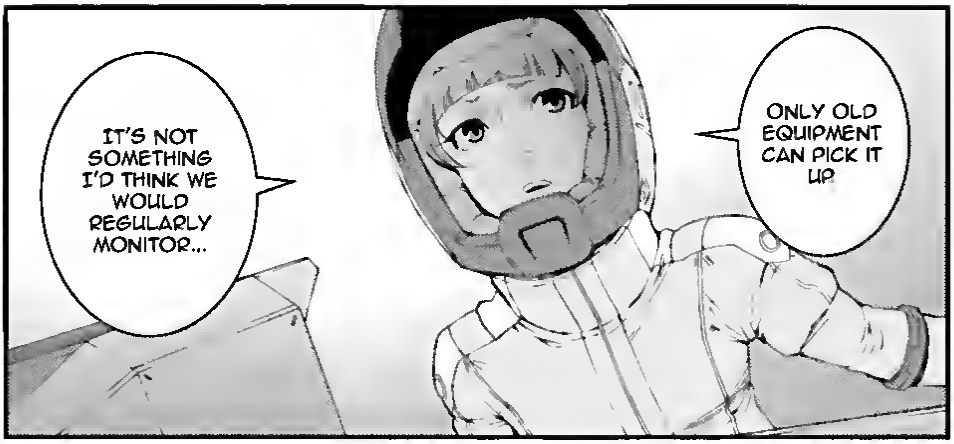

AND HOW VERY LIKE THEM.
MUSAI CLASS
[PAMPHREDO]
CORRESPONDENCE
HOW NOSTALGIC

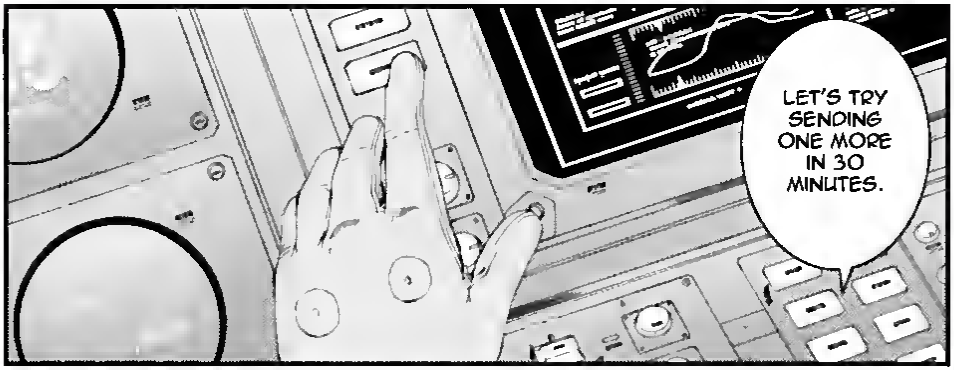
SO YOU FOUND IT...

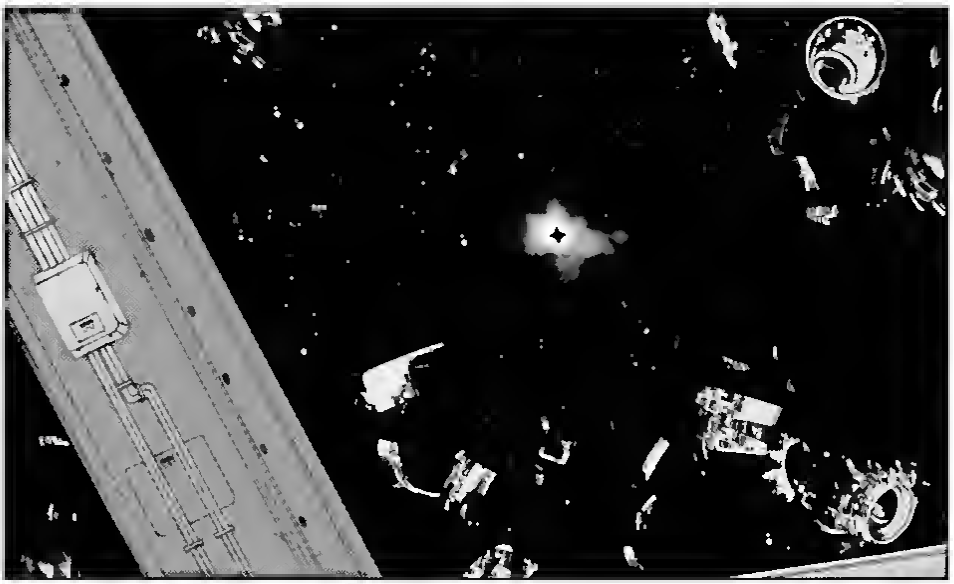

CAPTIAN LUTWIDGE.

ROGER.
LET'S MOVE THROUGH THE DEBRIS FIELD TO HIDE OUR MOVEMENTS.
WE'RE MAKING CONTACT WITH THE PAMPHREDO.


I WONDER IF THEY'LL NOTICE.
IT'S AN OLD ZEON FREQUENCY..


IT'S NOT SOMETHING I'D THINK WE WOULD REGULARLY MONITOR...
ONLY OLD EQUIPMENT CAN PICK IT UP


LET'S TRY SENDING ONE MORE IN 30 MINUTES.



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